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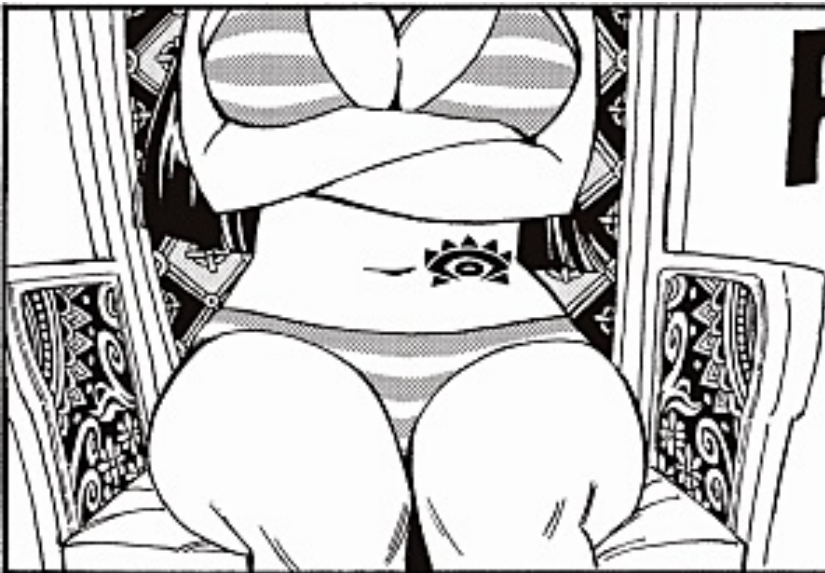
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SABER TOOTH

Name: **Rogue Cheney** Age: **19 yrs.**

Magic:

Shadow Dragon Slayer Magic

Likes:

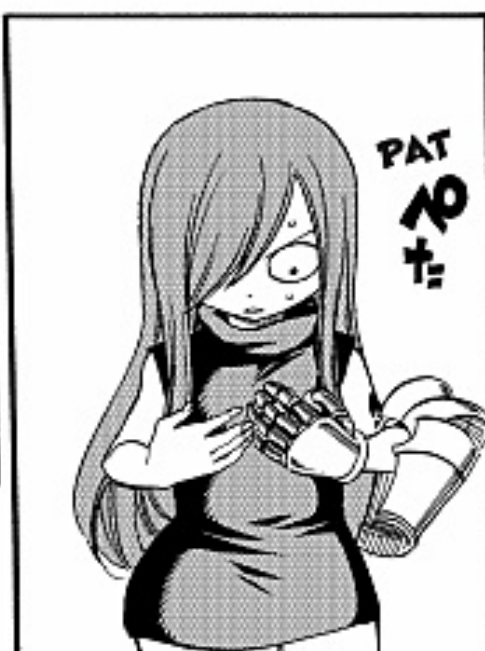
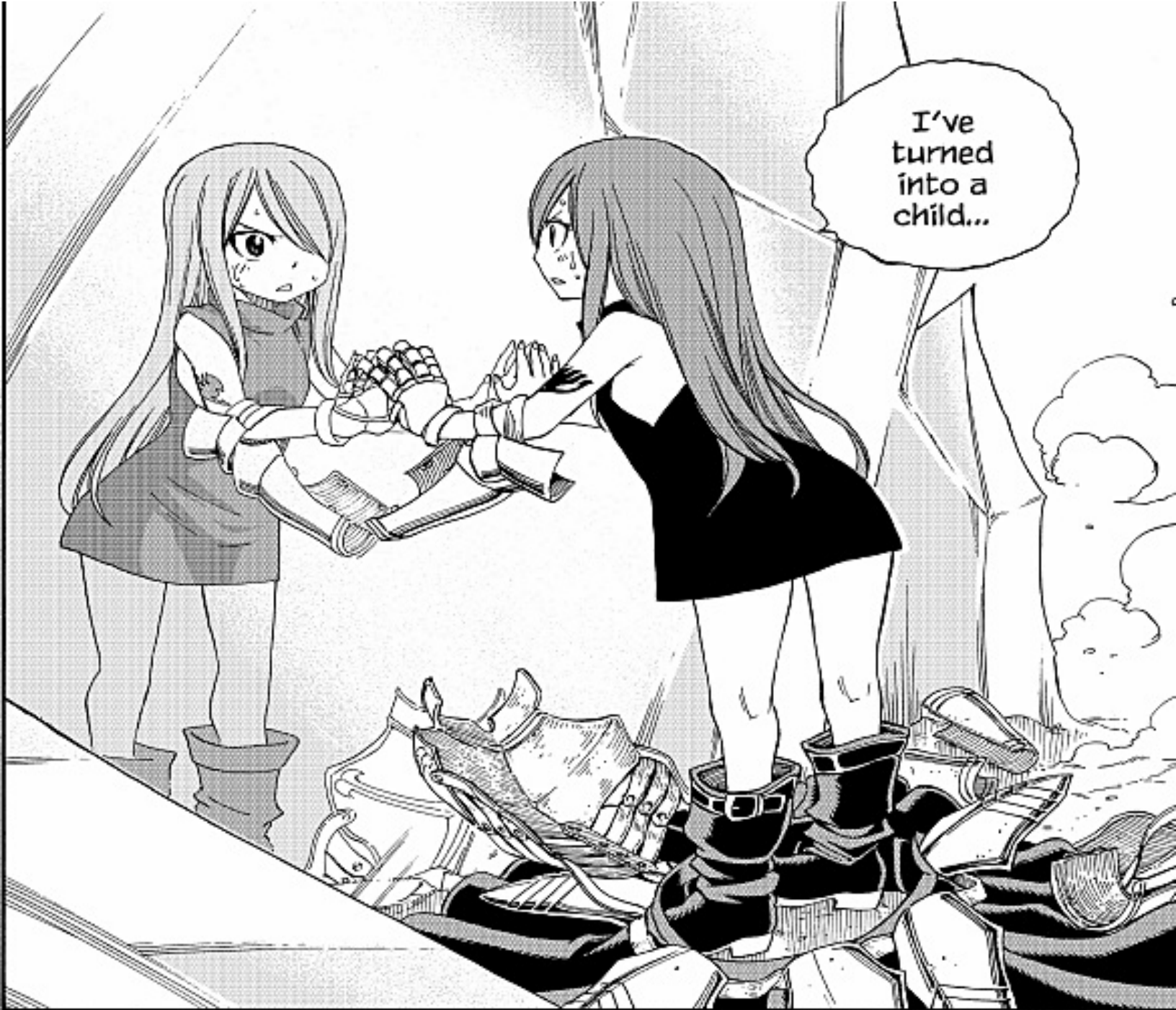
Frosch

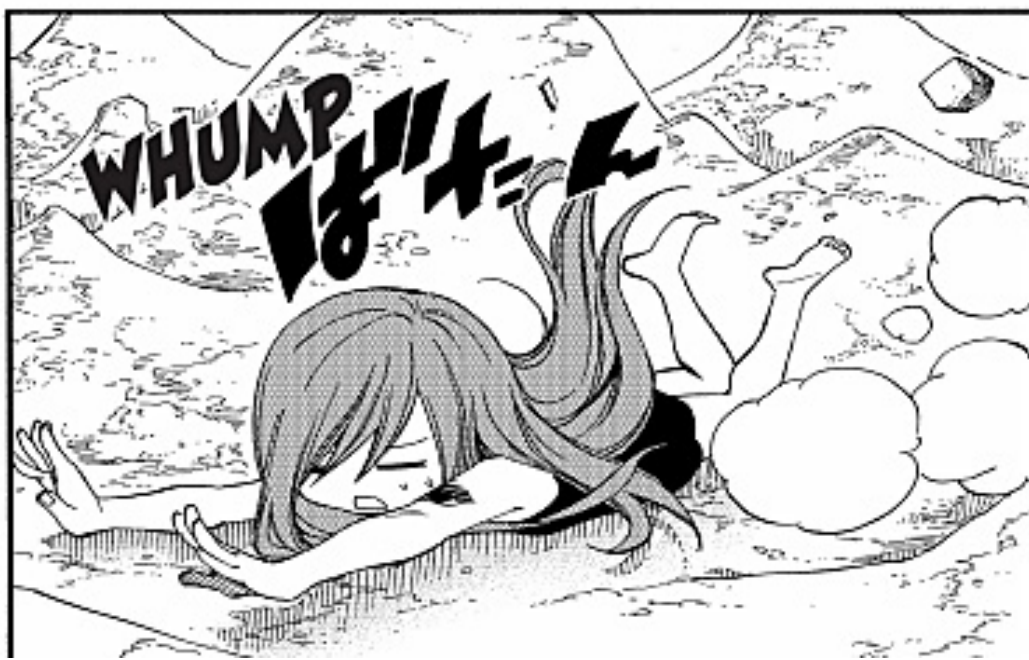
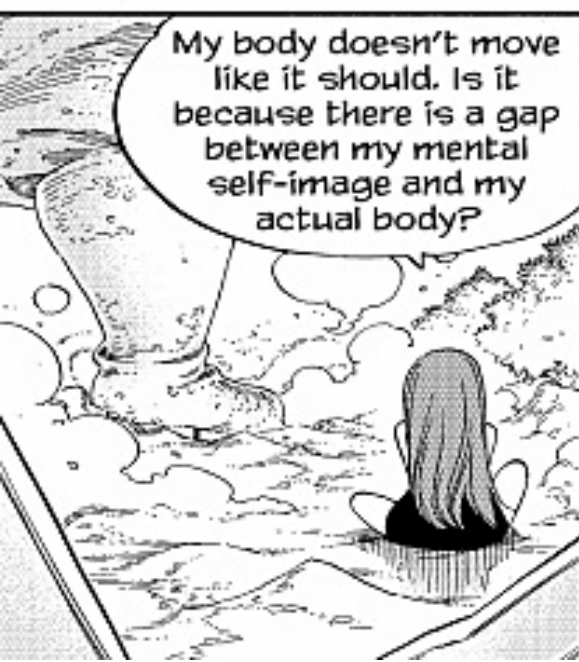
Dislikes:

Noon time

Remarks

One of the Twin Dragons of Saber Tooth. When he was young, he looked up to Gajeel of Phantom Lord, and he hoped to become a member of Phantom Lord himself. During that same period, hating the meaning of the name Rogue, he started calling himself Lios. It is not known when or where he first met his partner Frosch, but he had not yet met him seven years ago when he was a fan of Gajeel. After the Grand Magic Games, Rogue was shocked to learn that it was a future version of himself who was behind the dragons' attack, and he has made a solemn vow never to fall into darkness.

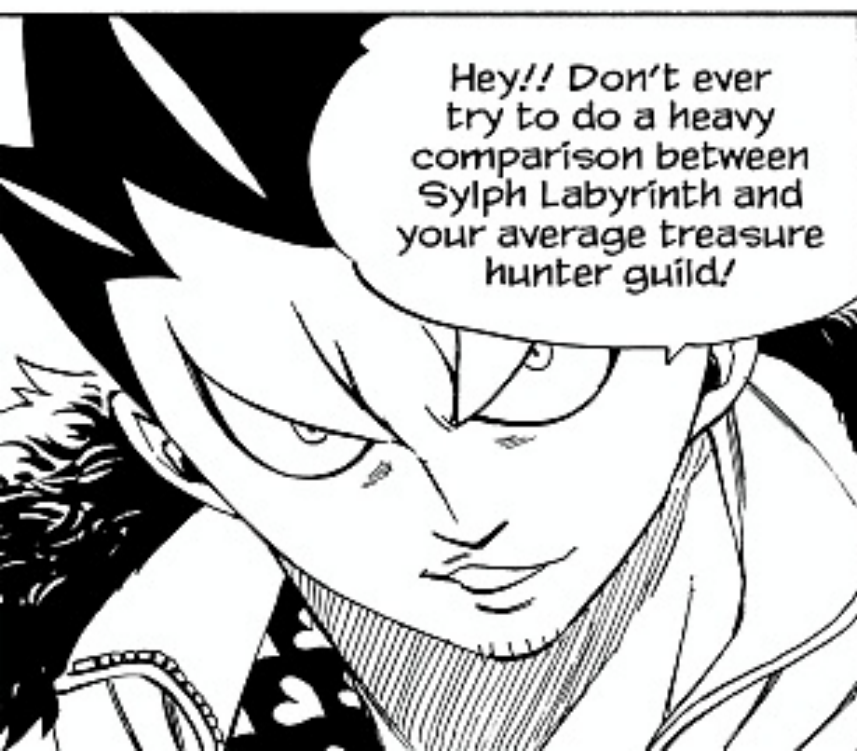




Something
to change me
back again...

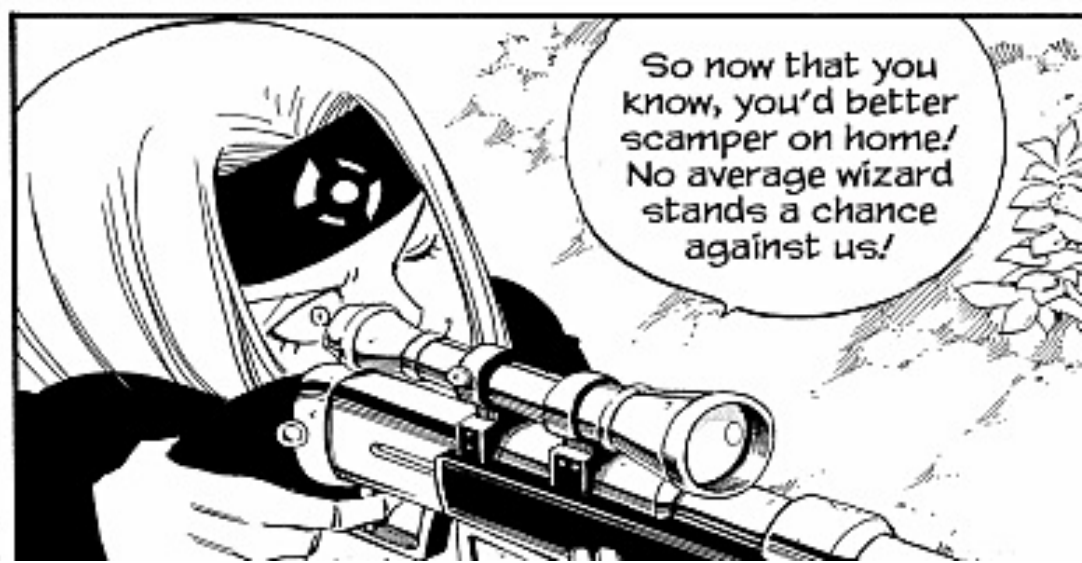
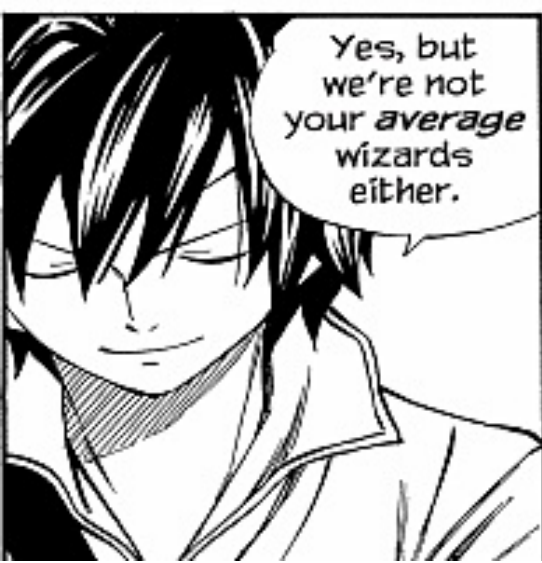
But I
must do
something...

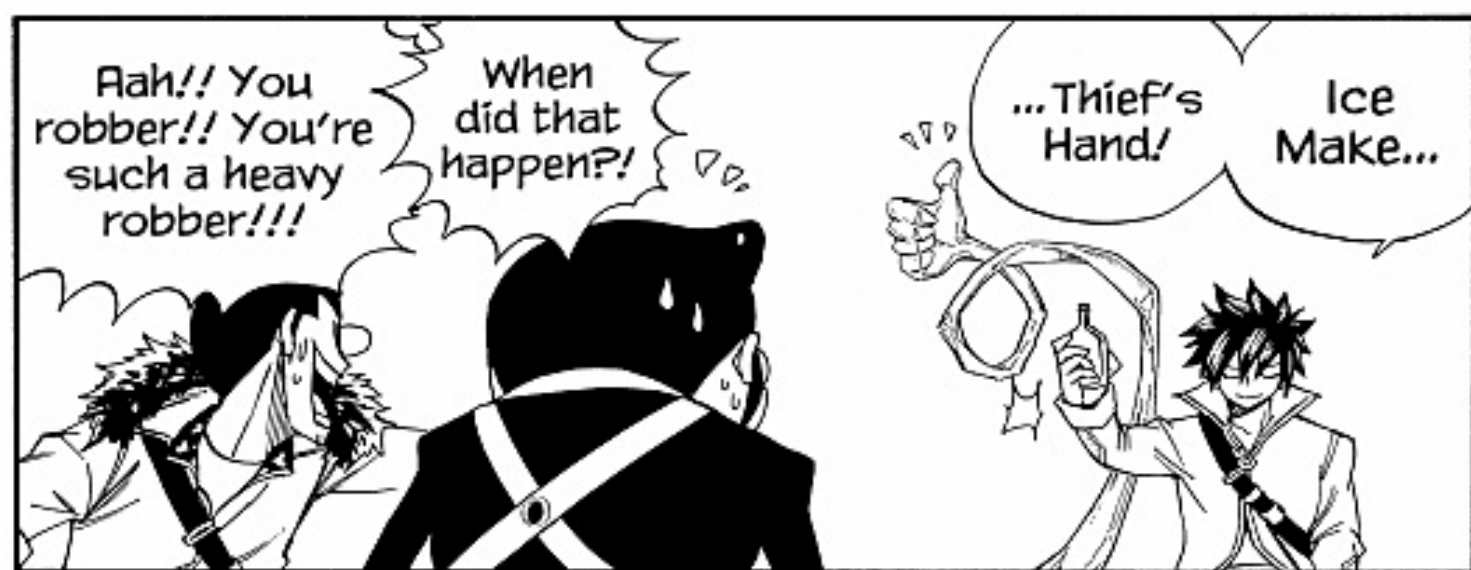
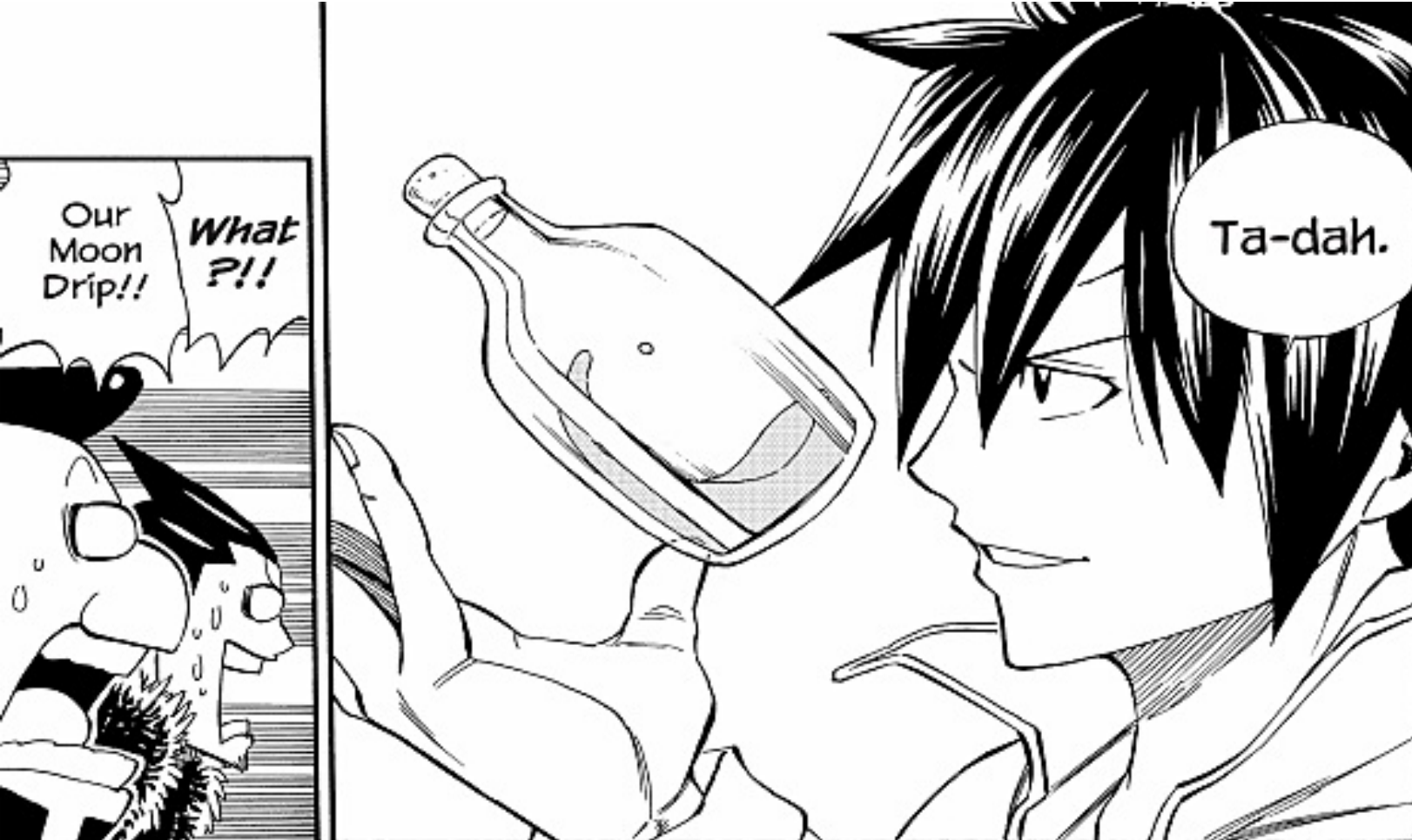






*Background Title: Grand Treasure Games







What?!



...I am famous for my archery!

I'll have you know...

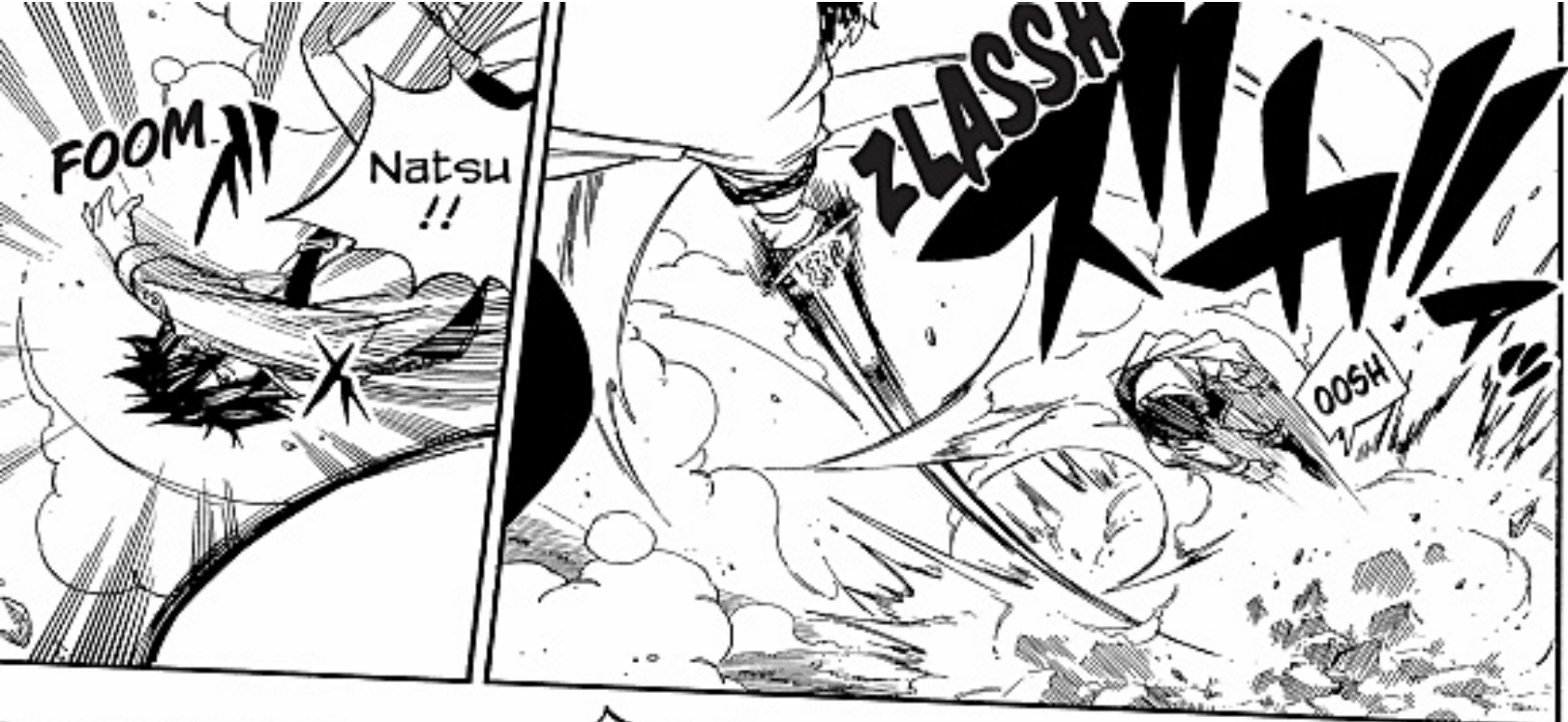


Sorry, but it's ours now.

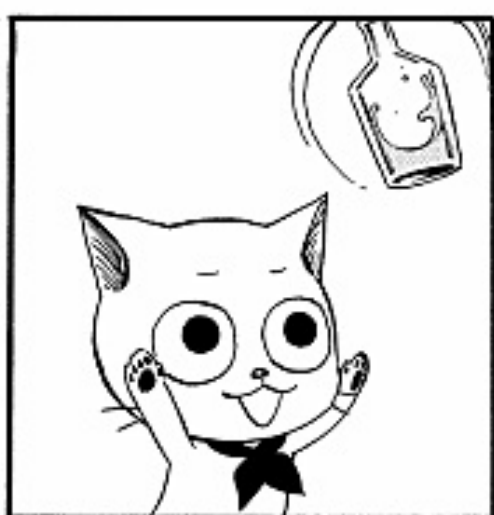
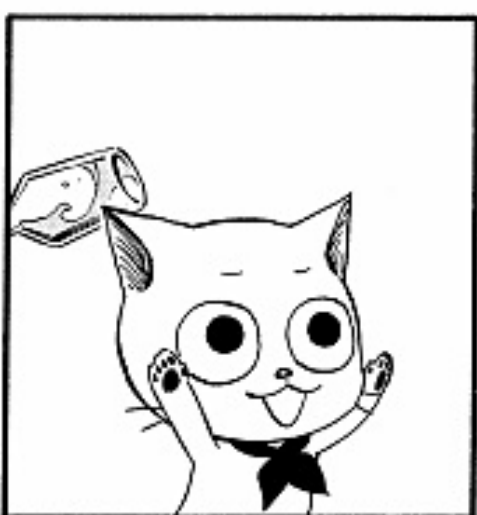
We need it to rescue the giants!

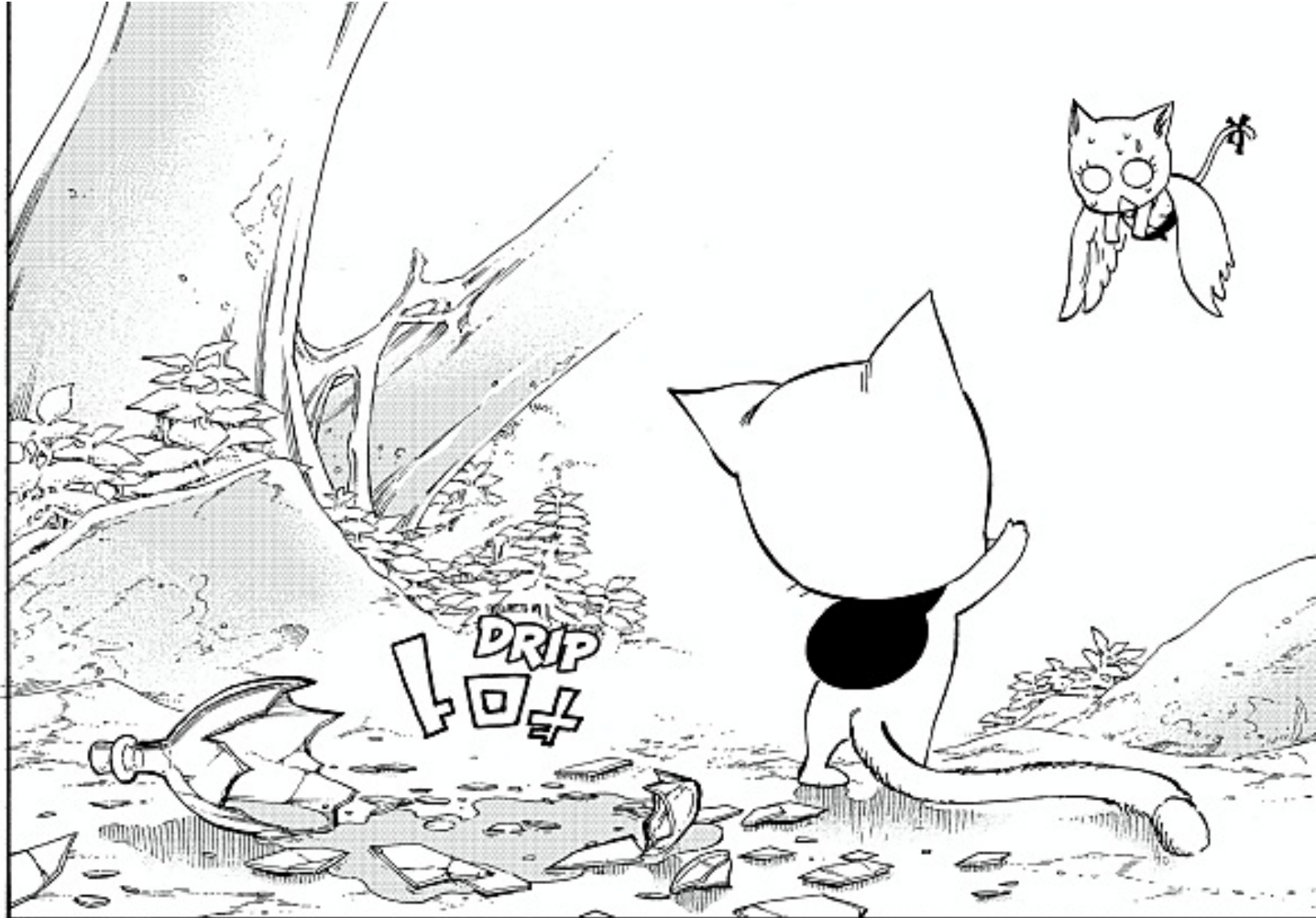


Give it back, robbers !!!!











**It's
broken
!!!!**

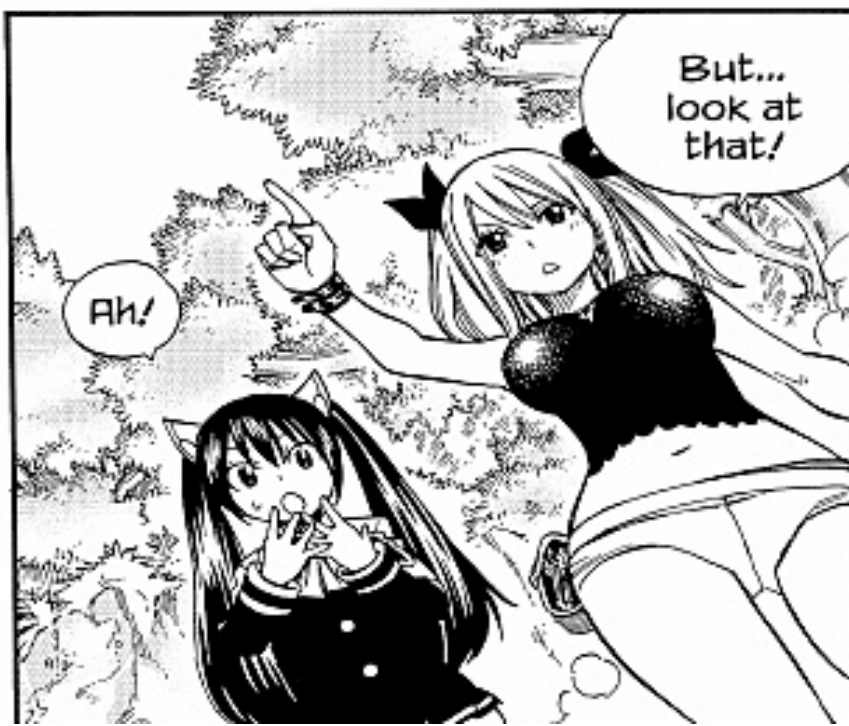


I'm
sorry!



You *broke* what
you stole...
**DUUN! DUUN!!
DUUN!!!**

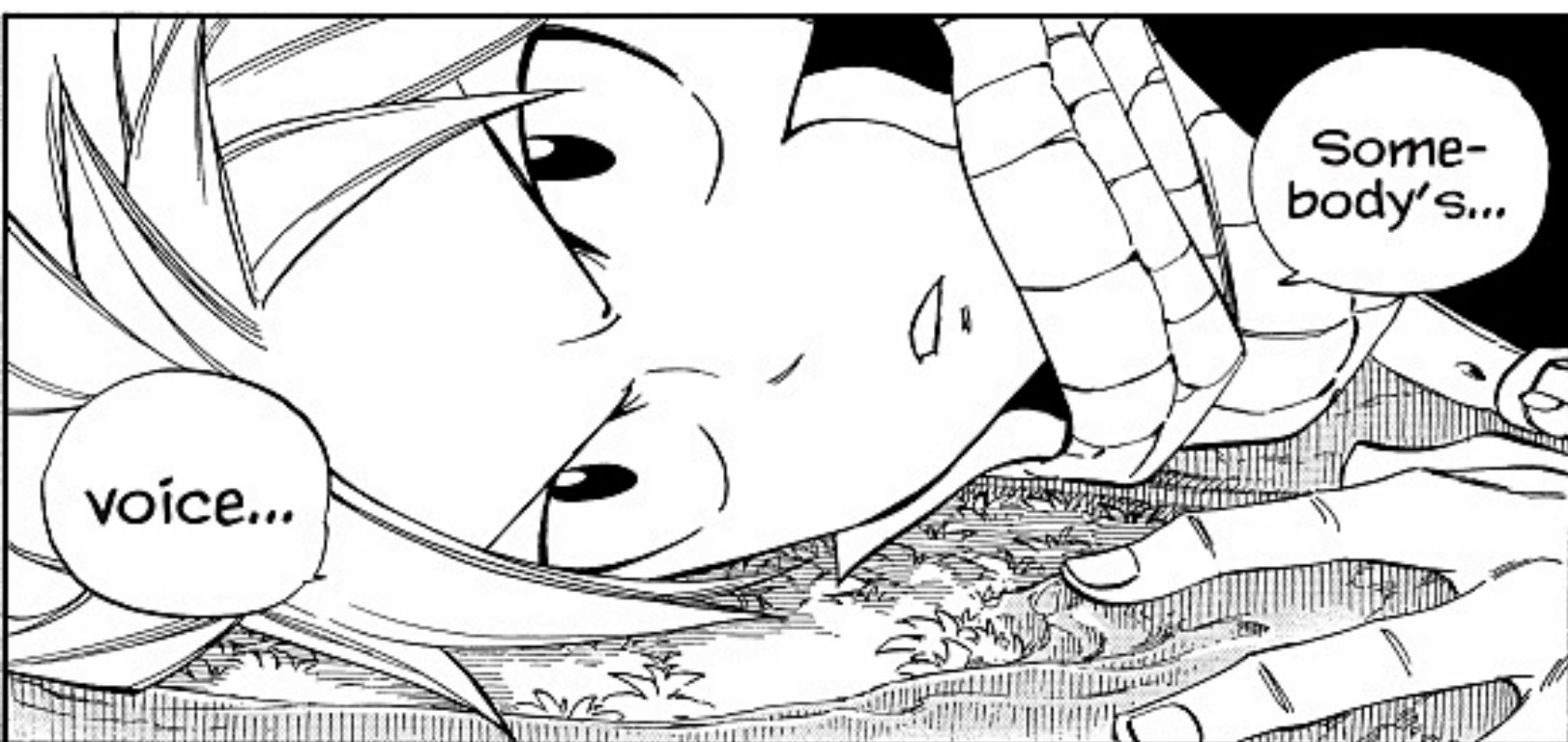
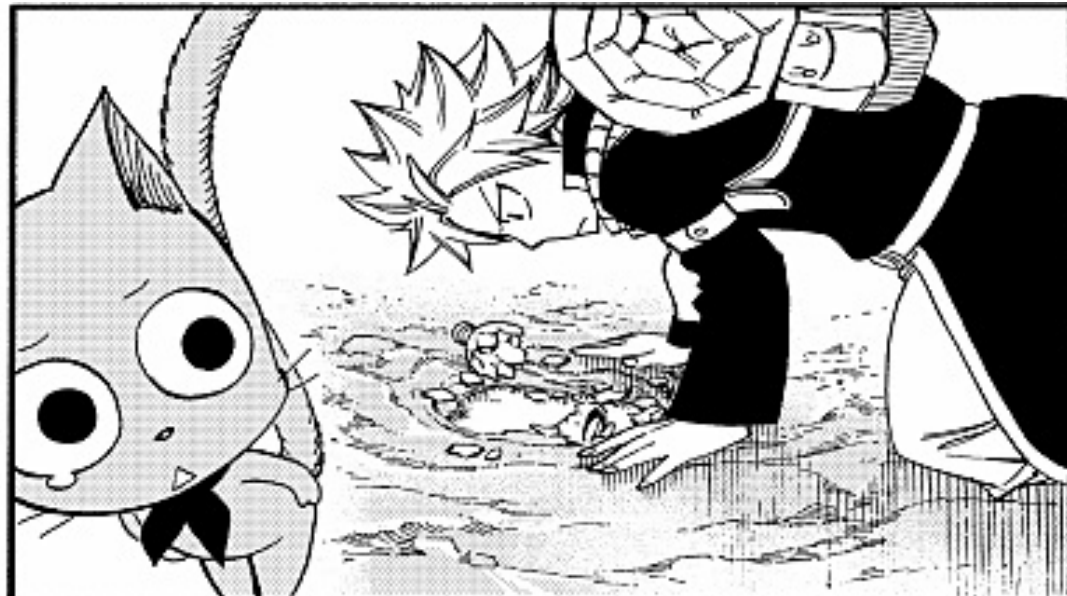
What have you
done?!!! You
guys are heavy
bad guys, you
know!!!!



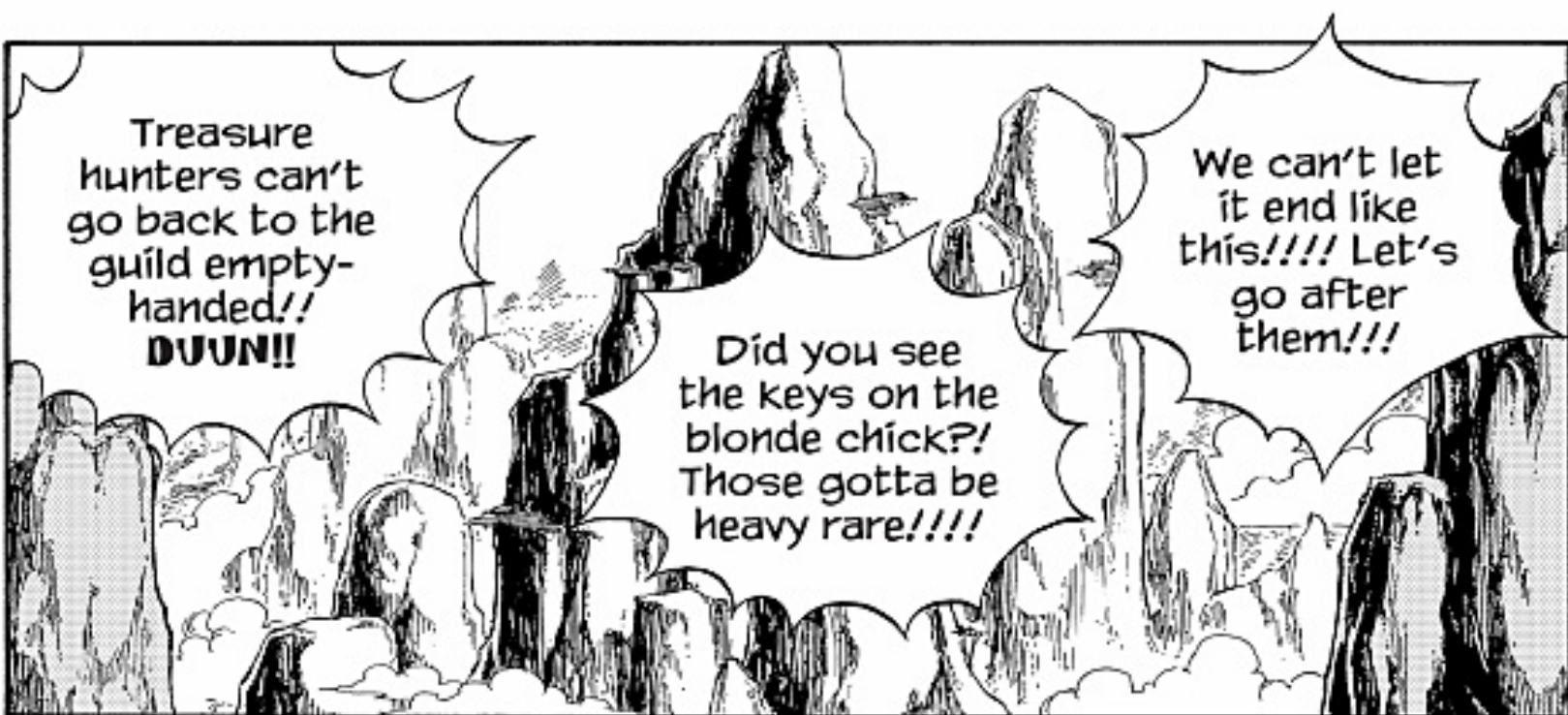
But...
look at
that!

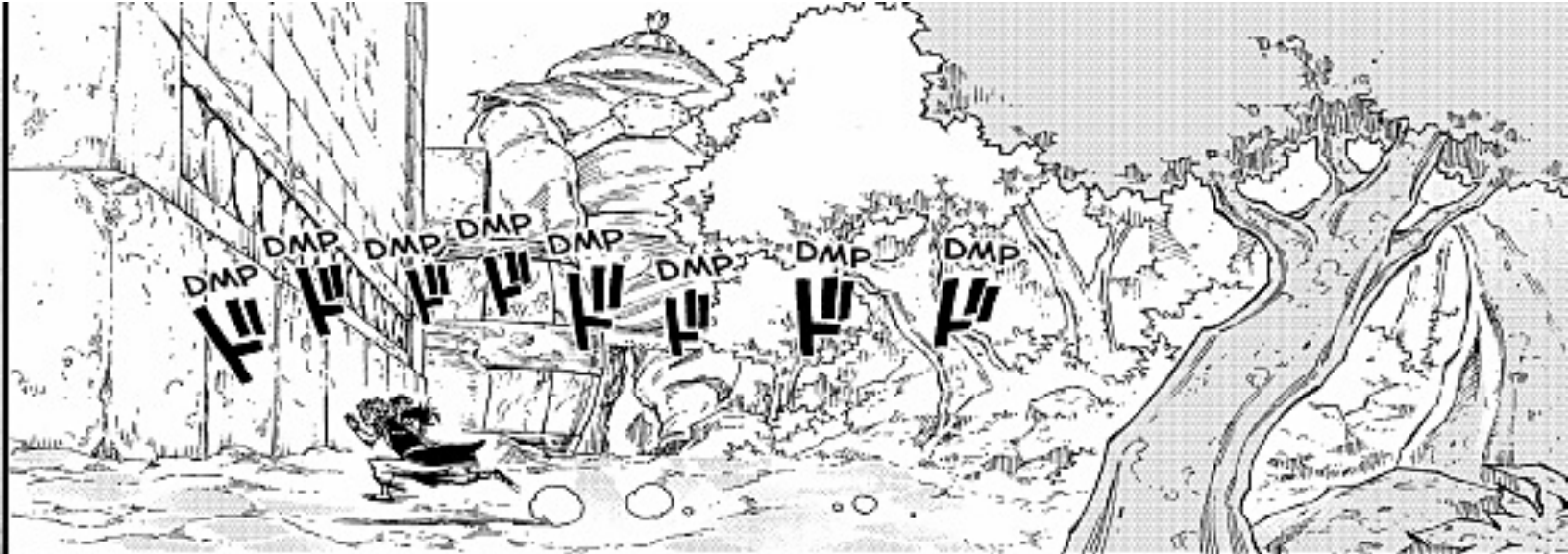
Ah!













BOOOOM

What just
happened
?!!

Now that
you're a
child, ending
you will be
quick!

110
≠ KRAKK
"

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Chapter 346: The Way of Devolution

SABER TOOTH	
Name: Lecter	Age: 13 yrs.
Magic: Aera	
Likes: Sting-kun	Dislikes: Bullies

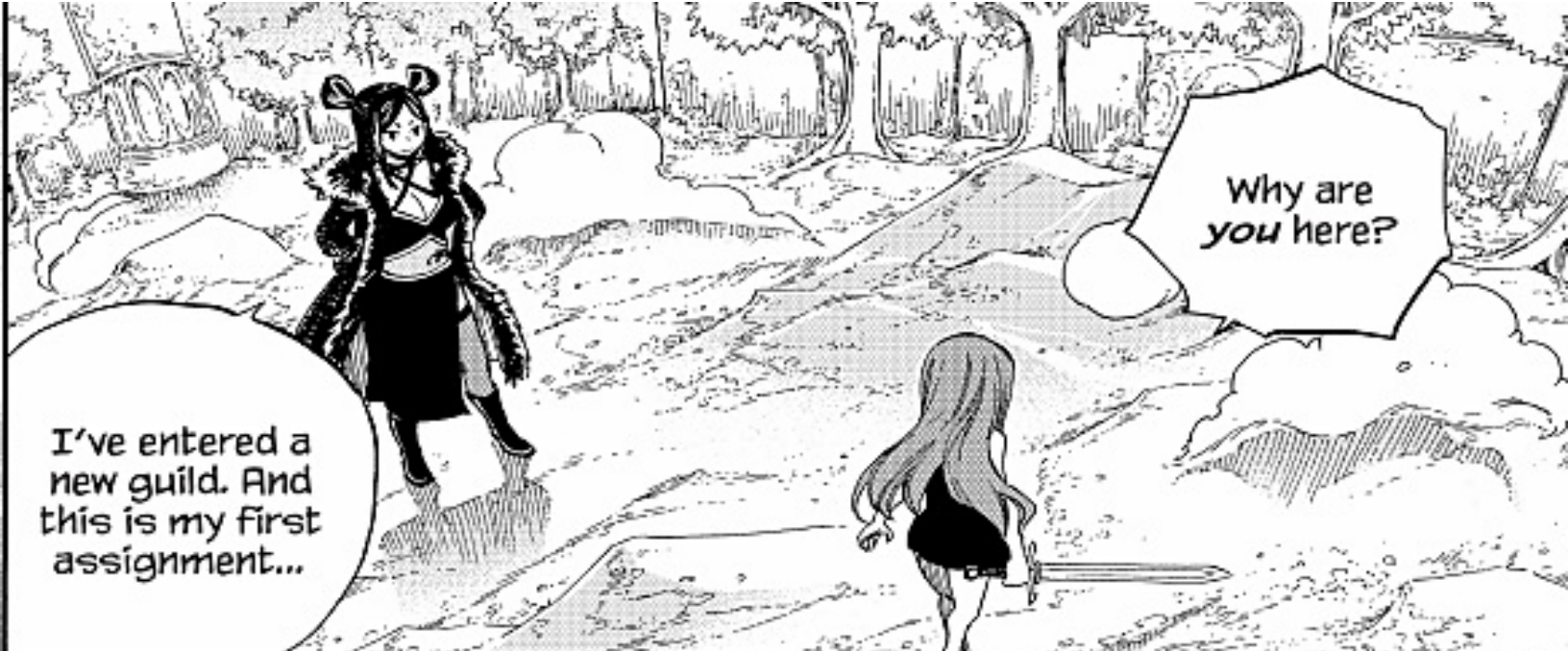


Remarks

Lecter is thought to be an Exceed who came from Edolas. He met Sting as a young child, and was drawn to him by his strength, then grew to like him to the point of worship. During the Grand Magic Games, he was nearly eliminated by Master Ziemma, but Minerva used her space-manipulation magic to keep him alive. He then attached himself to Millianna, who was also caught up in Minerva's magic, to escape.









It matters not whether it is above board or underground. I simply enjoy the view from the position of the strong.

I will reign over the world's greatest guild.



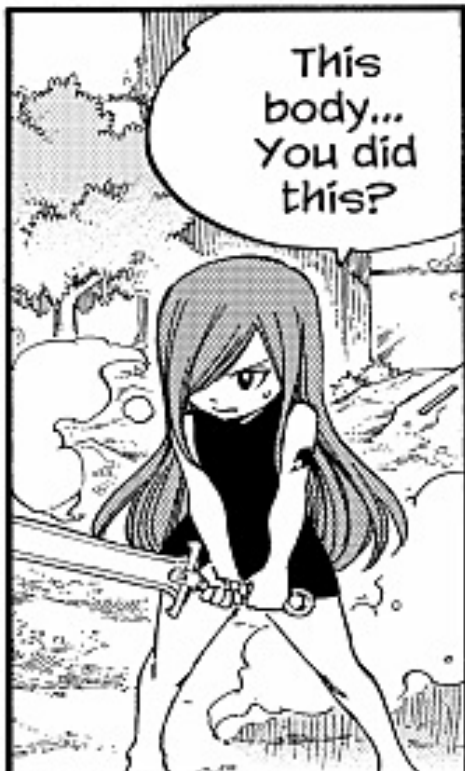
Have you lost all pride as a wizard, Minerva?!



...on my way to greater heights.

This guild is simply a low stepping stone...

And you're saying Succubus Eye is that guild?



This body... You did this?



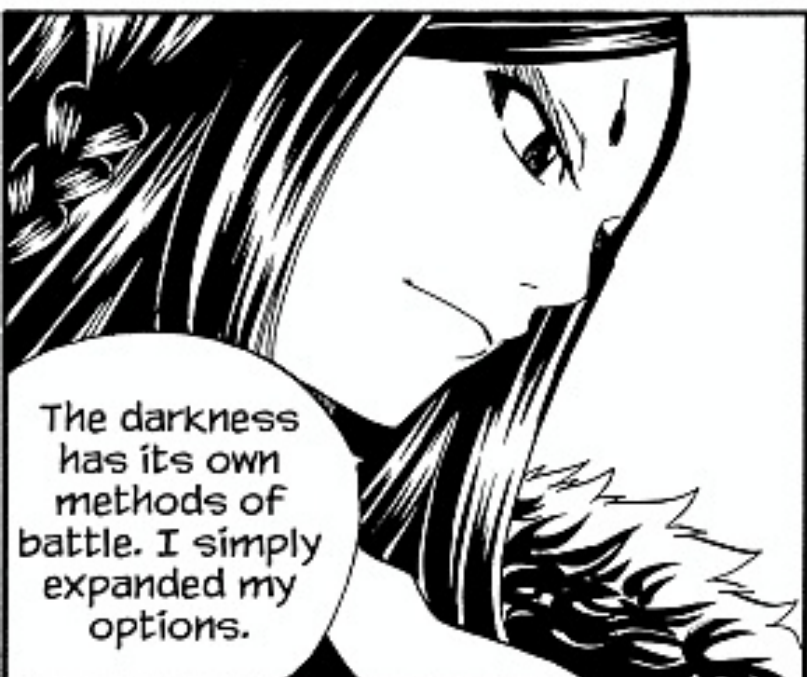
Though there is little you can do in your present form.

Enough talk. Let us face one another in battle once more.



There are many interesting magics in the underworld.

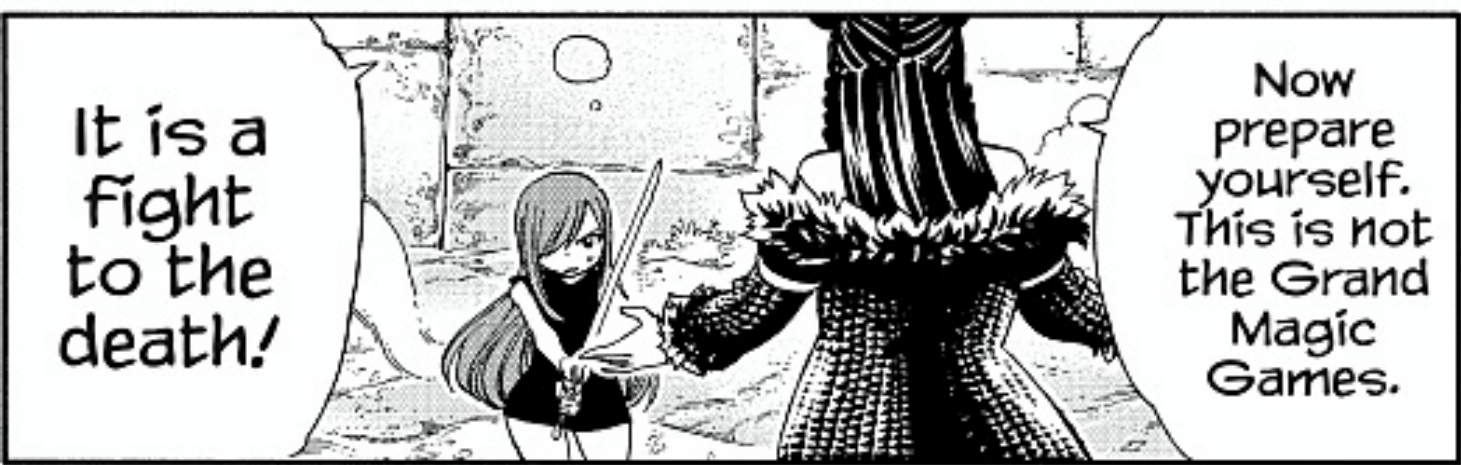
On the contrary...
My partner
took care of
that.



The darkness
has its own
methods of
battle. I simply
expanded my
options.



So you're
resorting
to cheating
now?



It is a
fight
to the
death!

Now
prepare
yourself.
This is not
the Grand
Magic
Games.

You're some treasure robber, but you can use magic?!

Like I said, I am no robber.

What's going on here?!

I turned into a kid!!!!

Let's just finish this thing off.

But whatever.

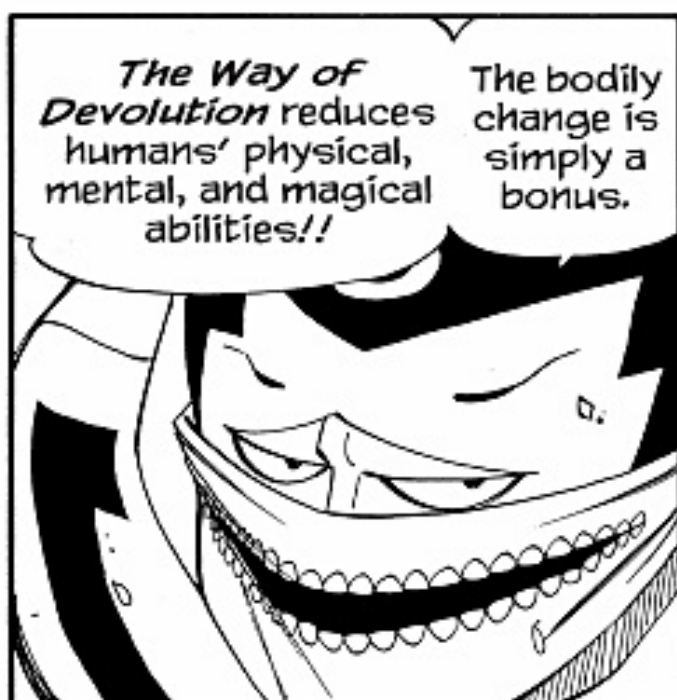
Damn it!!
My body won't move right!!

WHOA!

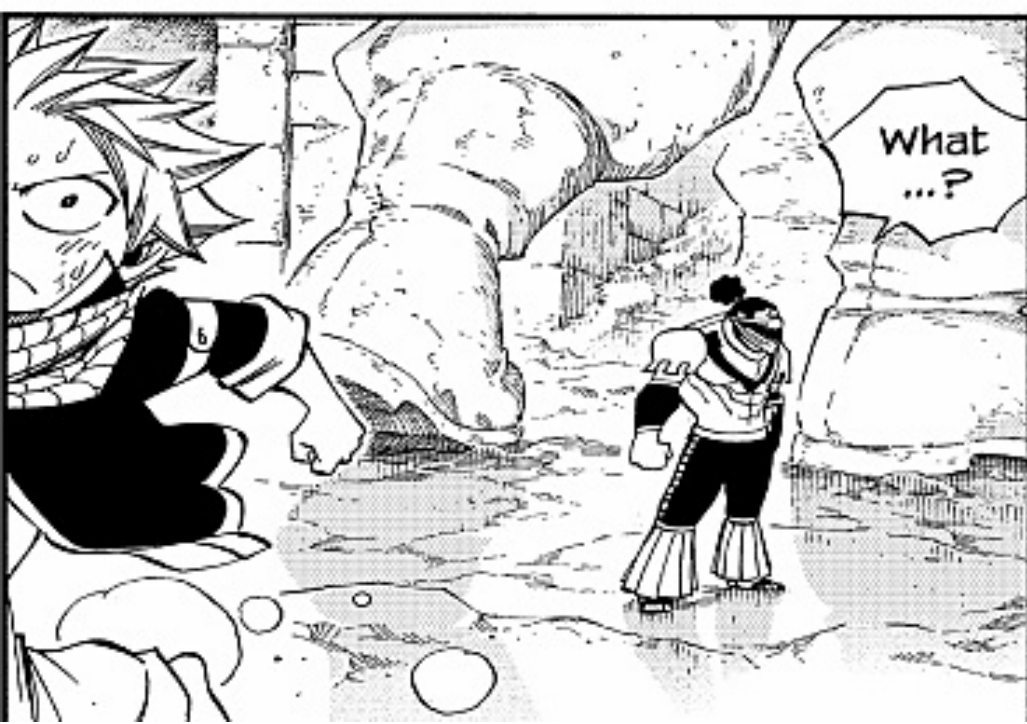


*Roar

*Fire Dragon's











**He'll learn
to fear the
might of the
Inhumans!**



I'm sorry!
The ground's
frozen...

Are you
all right,
Wendy?



KYAA!!

The rest
of you can
search from
the ground.

Carla and I
will search
from the air!

What'll we do?
I think we're
completely
lost!

And look... We
got separated
from Gray,
too.

Lucy-san,
there's some-
thing that's
bothering me
a little.

?

...That's
what they said,
but they don't
seem to be
coming back,
do they?

More like,
it's totally
weird...

Well,
not just
bothering
me...



I'm a
white cat.
NSADUUN!

What's the
problem? We're
just a pair of
heavy cats.
Nya.

I think
we're being
followed.

EEEEEEEEEEEE
EEEEEEEEEEEE
!!!!



Treasure
hunting seems
to have many
mysteries.

Did they
really think
that'd fool
us?



I *knew* I
should have
been the blue
cat!

You mean they
saw through
our Treasure
Hunter Skill,
"Disguise"...?!



We'll take them now with a **DUUN!!!!**

Now that the cat's out of the bag, we heavily got no choice **!!!!**

New goal!!!!
Your keys are, like, heavily rare, right?!!



Um... We apologize for breaking the bottle...

But we're not here to fight. We want to save the giants.



What's with these guys?!

SHIFF

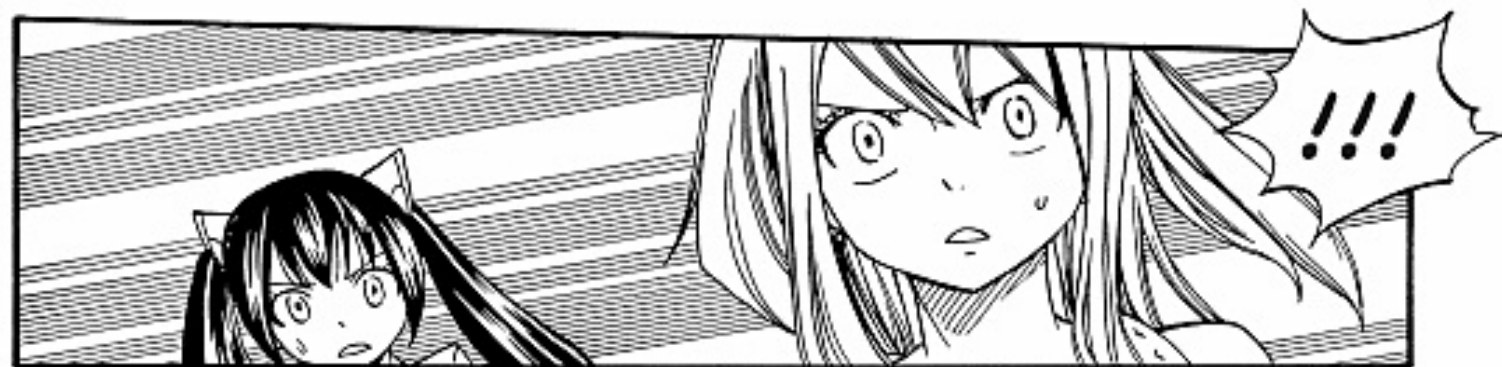


We treasure hunters only ask ourselves one question...



Giants?

Who cares about them?







If you want to hurt the people of this village, you'll have to go through us!!

We don't *want* a fight, but you're being so awful, we can't let it stand.



I don't need no chicks!! Let's kill 'em with a **DUUN!!**

Sweet... We can get treasure *and* chicks!!





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Chapter 347: The Great Charge of the Red, the Blue, and the Blondie



↑
By the way, the
costume is pink.

SABER TOOTH	
Name: Frosch	Age: ?
Magic: Aera	
Likes: Frogs	Dislikes: Worms

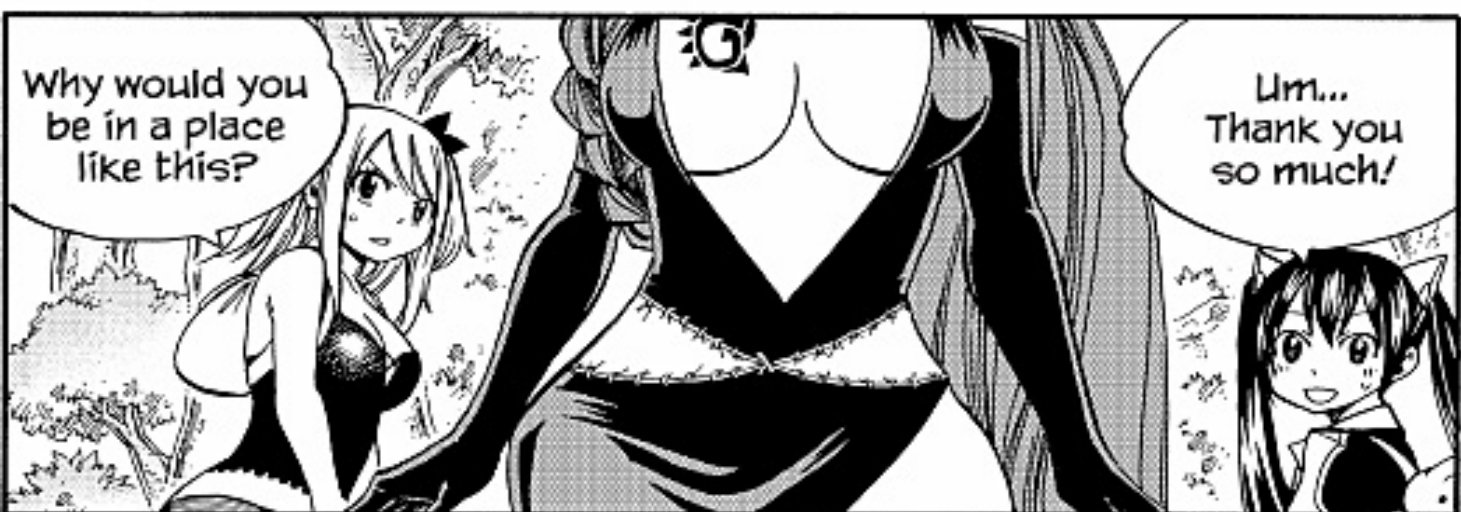
Remarks

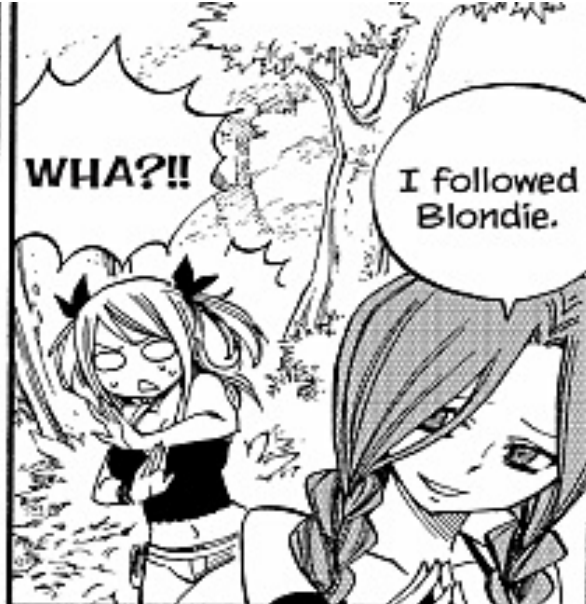
When Frosch was little, the cat believed it was a frog. Discovery of the truth brought on three days of tears.

Afterwards, the young Exceed received a frog costume, and has worn this beloved costume every day since.

From the day Frosch met Rogue, they've been inseparable. Lector is another good friend.

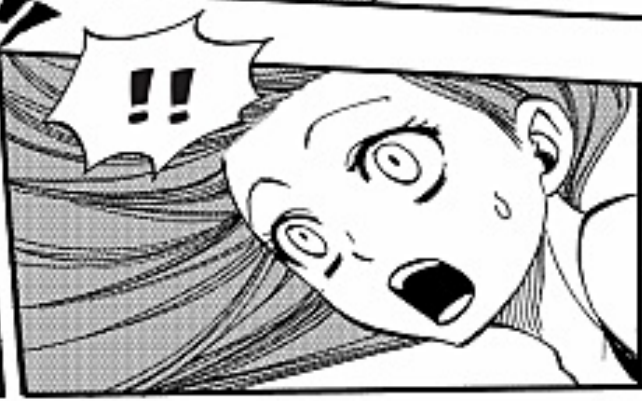
Though a bit dim-witted, Frosch could beat Lector in a footrace, believe it or not! Frosch is destined to be killed in one year, but is not aware of this fate yet.

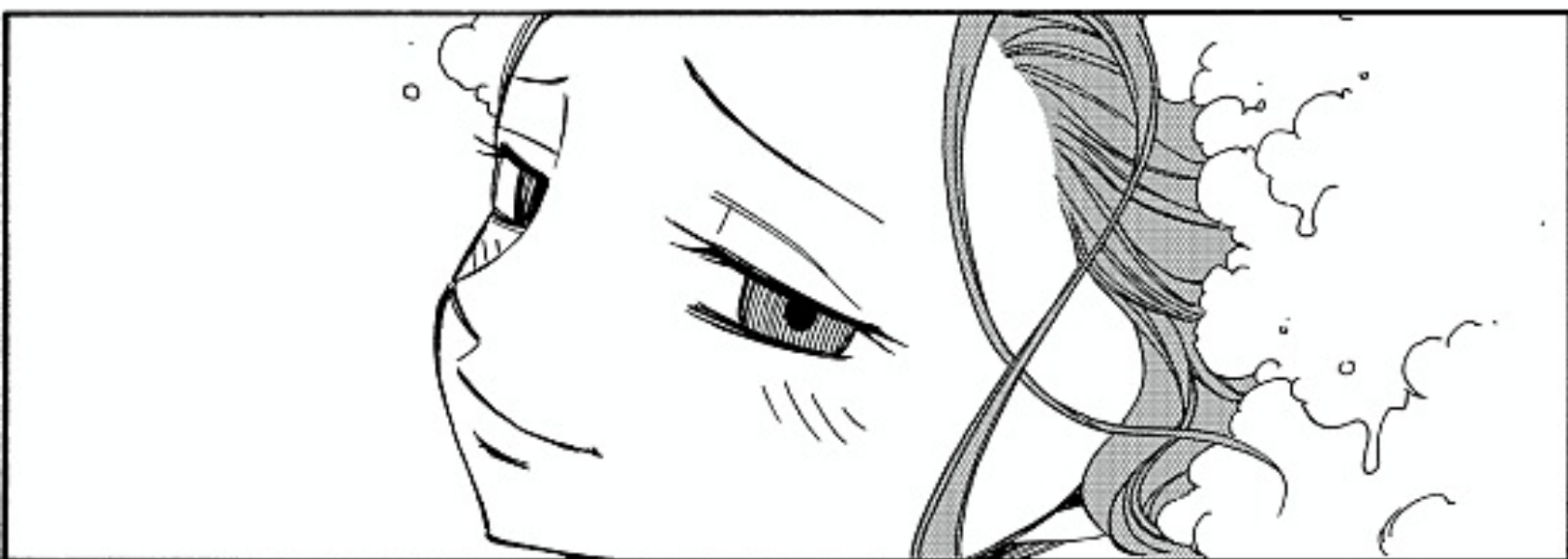














sky Dragon's



Sagittarius,
you look
out for that
sniper!

Rely on
me!!

KÄGI-
ZUME*
!!!!

*Talons

Yes, a
worthy
mission!

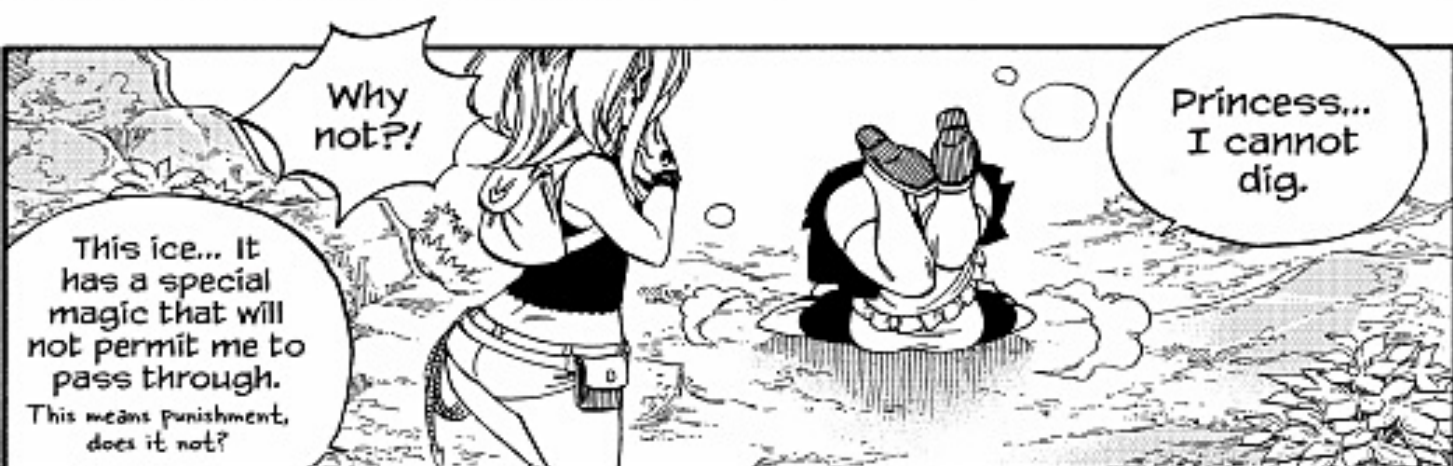
Very
well!!!

Use this
opening to
circle under
and behind the
sniper!

You called,
Princess?

I have a
good idea!

♥
Virgo!





KACHAK

The latest weapons
ain't just
toys.

Ain't nothin'
faster than
a rifle!



I have
been
bested...



HAIR SHOWER,
RAVENOUS
WOLF!

GROOOOWL



Kh!



My hair was a
gift from the
eternal flame. It
is my pride and
joy!

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

Hair just
naturally can't
stand up to a
heavy sharp
blade!!!

**HAIR
SHOWER,
FIREFLY
!!!!**

BOOM

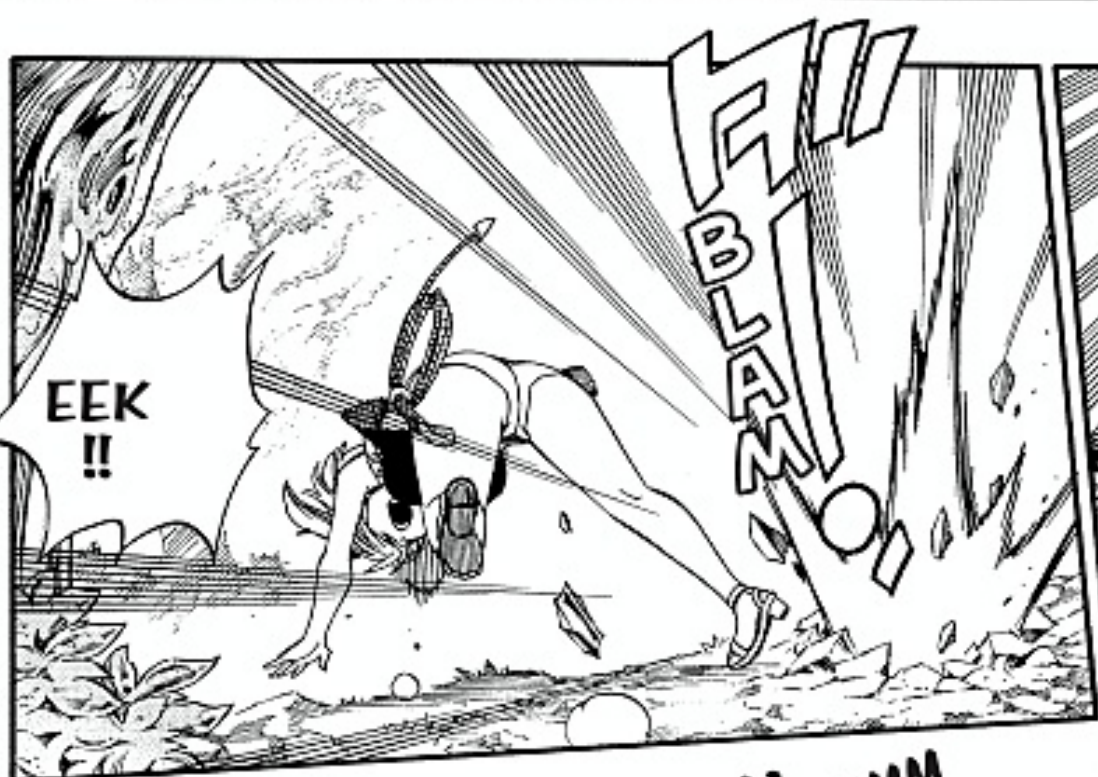
BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

F









Now why
don't you act
like chicks are
supposed to,
and just shake
your butts
for us!!

You wizards
need to train
heavily for at least
ten more years
before you dare
to pick a fight
with us!!



Whooo
...



If you
wish a bottom
shaken, then I'll
do it as much
as you like!

What are
you guys?
Stupid?



Wa ha ha ha!!
Good idea!!
Do it!!

Hey, you!!
Shake your
butt a little!



HEHN!



You could train
for a hundred
years and still
not be ready to
fight us!!



WHAT
THE
?!!



ARMS
!!!!

KRACHOW



You
little...



What
?!

Tying my
hair won't
stop it from
growing!



Lucy
!!!



He
made
it!!



Found
you!



DWOON

**Lucy
Kick
!!!!**

**And
Virgo
Kick!!!!**



ZLATT

ZLATT



**TENRYŪ
NO
YOKU-
GEKI*
!!!!**

**HAIR
SHOWER,
PLOVER
!!!!**

*Sky Dragon's Wing Attack



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SABER TOOTH

Name: Yukino Agria

Age: 18

Magic:

Celestial Spirit Magic

Likes:

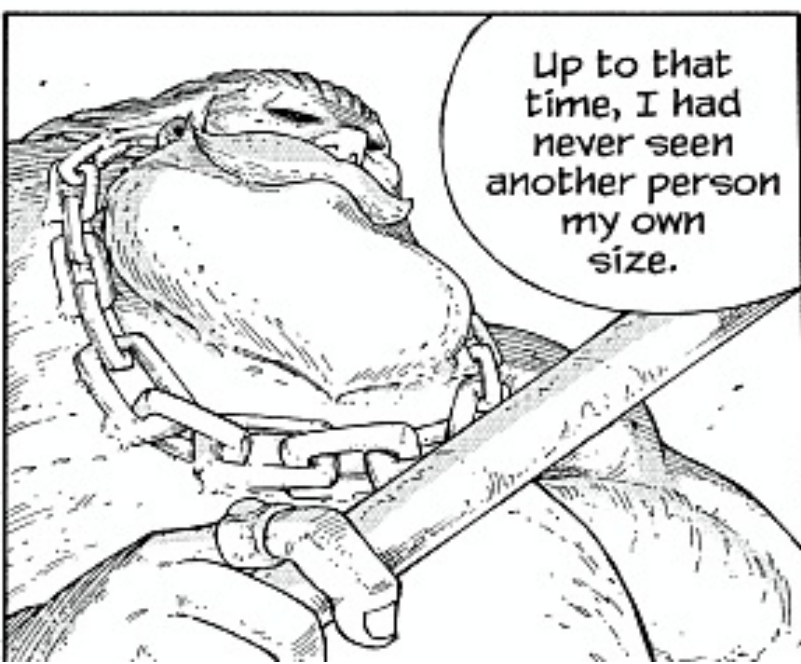
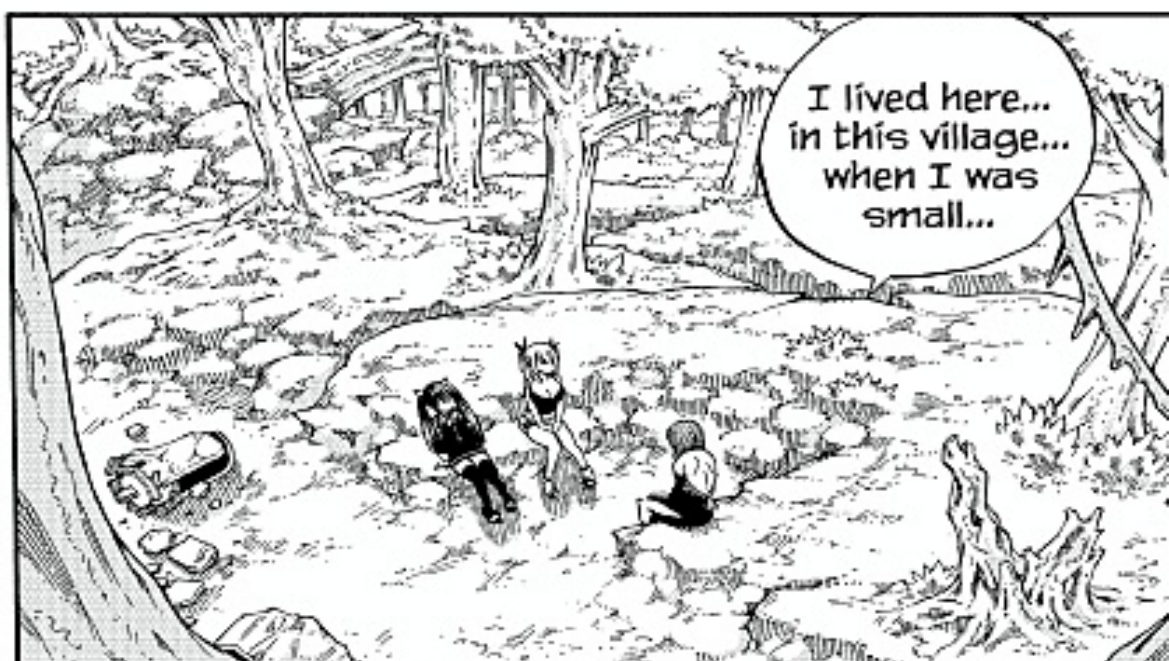
Her big sister Sorano

Dislikes:

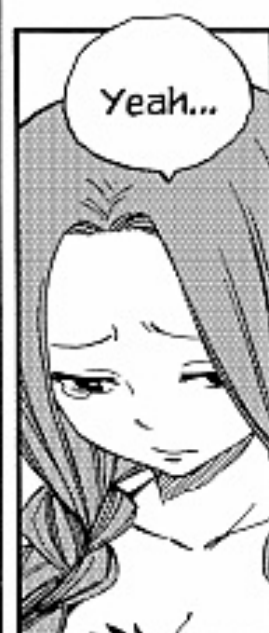
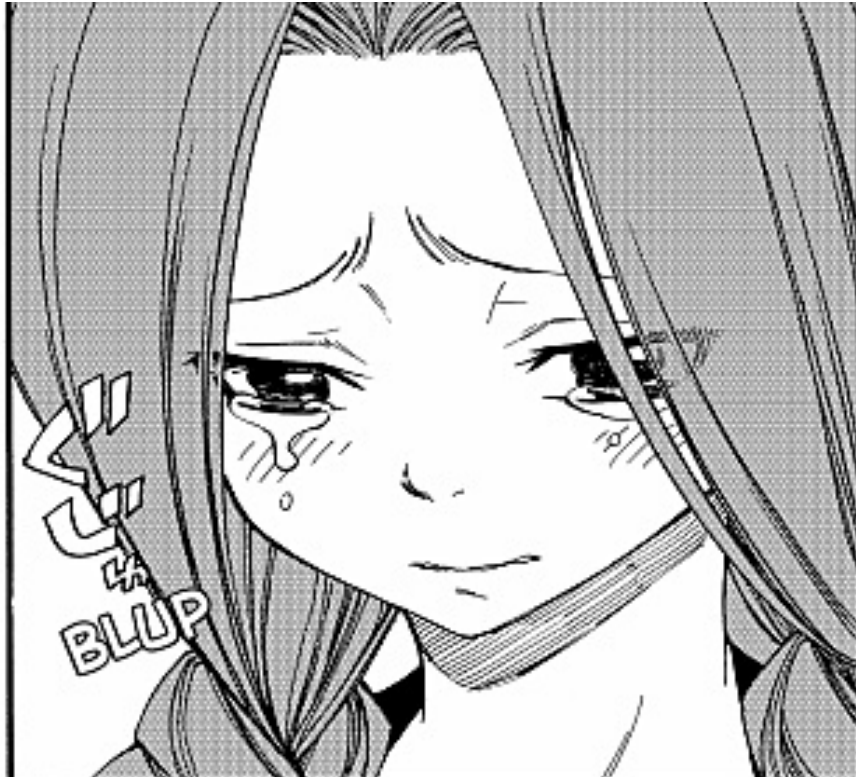
Master Ziemma

Remarks

She was ejected from the Sabertooth guild for a short time during the Grand Magic Games, but she was later reinstated. She uses the same celestial spirit magic as Lucy, and has a contract with the two golden key celestial spirits that Lucy does not possess. Many remember her loss to Kagura, but actually she's quite a strong wizard. She was separated from her big sister Sorano, and now dreams of their reunion.



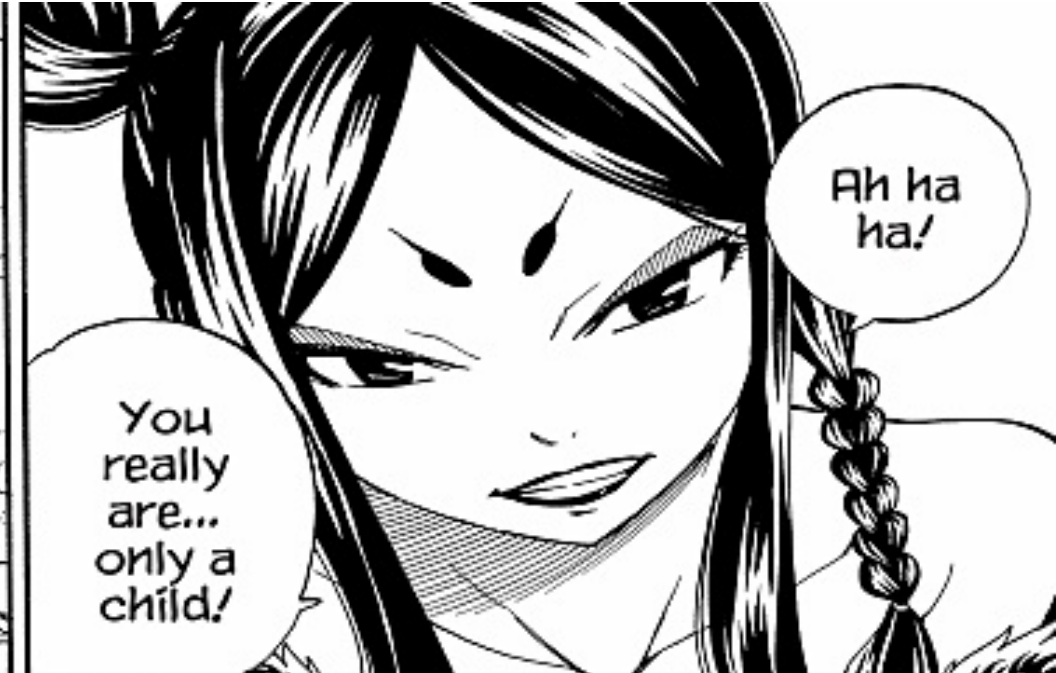


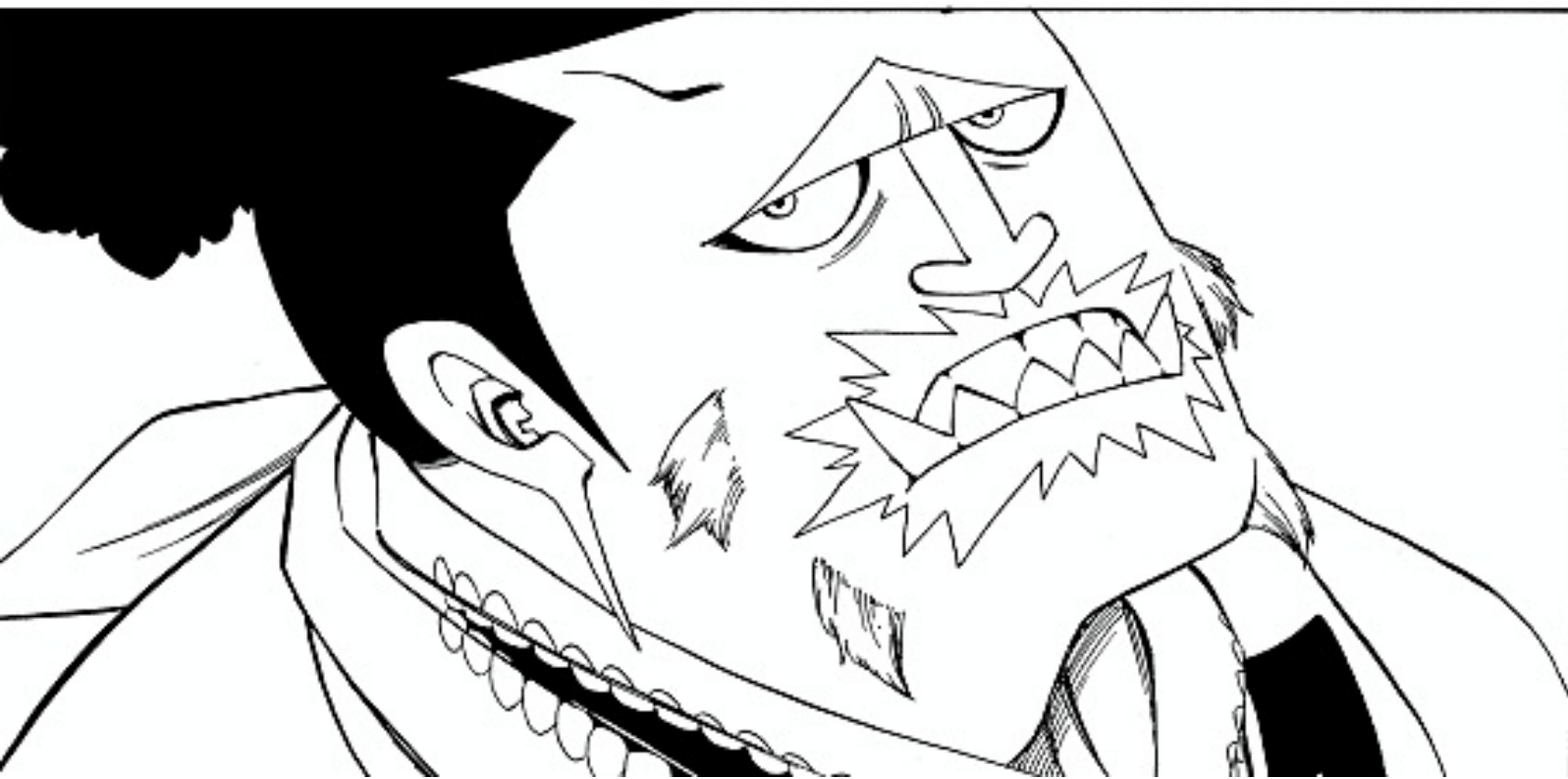
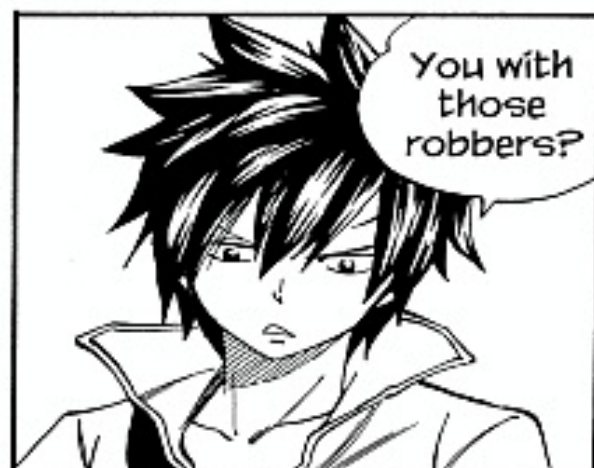




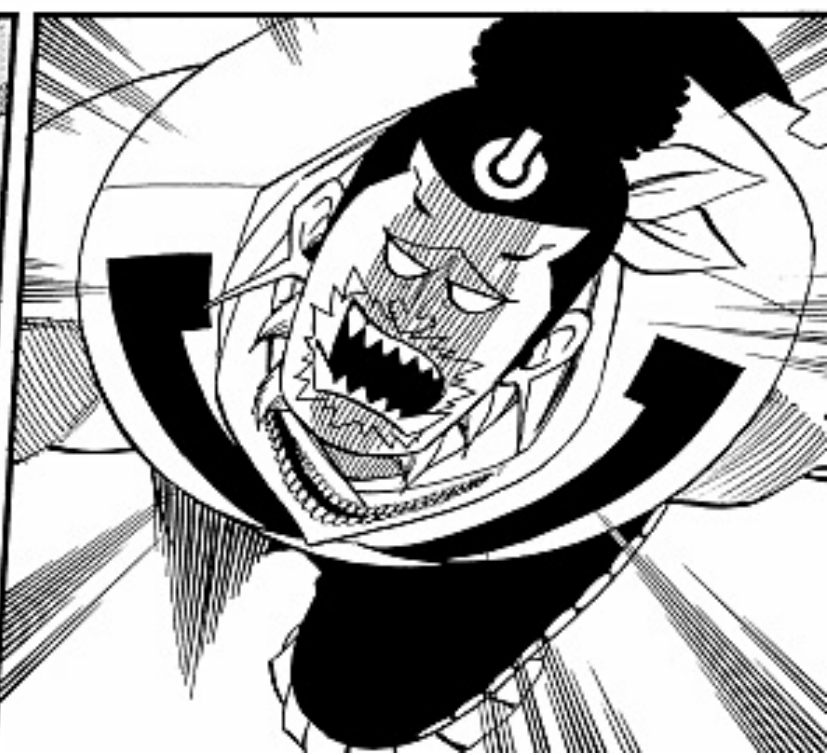
















I almost
feel sorry
for those
guys.

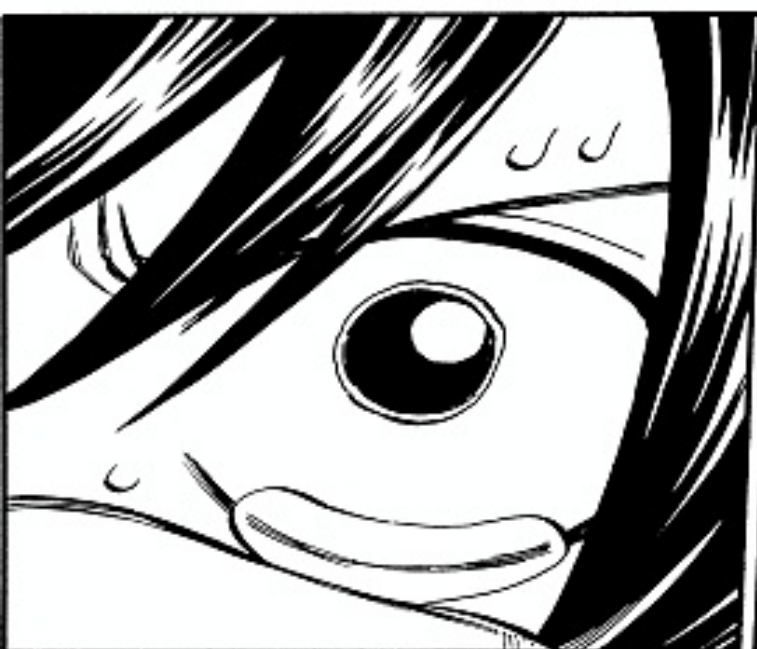
That
happens
sometimes.

When I turn
somebody into
a kid, memories
from back then
come flooding
back.



**But that
don't
change
nothin'
!!!!**





*And
it's
gone
now...*

*That thing
killed my
mom and
dad...*



*I know
that!! I
know it,
but...*

*Deliora
does not
exist any
longer.*

*...your
friends
will be in
danger.*



*Show
your
courage.*

*If you
don't defeat
the enemy
standing in
front of you...*

Ur...

*Yes. You're
not alone. I
am watching
over you...*

*The
enemy
stand-
ing in
front of
me...*

*My
friends!*







**Anybody
who uses
ice magic as
repulsive as
this...**

**... should
get a taste
of the real
thing!!!!**

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SABER TOOTH	
Name: Rufus Lore	Age: 19
Magic: Memory Make	
Likes: Poetry	Dislikes: Memo Pads



Remarks

A Memory Maker wizard whose nickname is "the Troubadour who Sings to the Red Moon." Memory Make can be used to instantly memorize any magic the wizard sees and change it into a new kind of magic. It can also be employed to manipulate people's memories in a variety of ways, but that wasn't demonstrated during the Grand Magic Games. Realizing there are many similarities between himself and Fairy Tail's Fried, Rufus is considering taking this opportunity to change his image now that he has returned to Saber Tooth.



Don't you know what sort of shape you're in?

Hey...
What are you talking about?



Your strength, speed, endurance, magic power... It shrank them all, too!

The Way of Devolution isn't something that just makes a wizard younger!

...



So just accept your fate and...

In other words, you're a little rabbit ripe for the hunting now.

I made you
a place to
stand.

You
stepped
back a bit,
right?

KRAAKL

What's
this...
?!!

PACH-K

But I don't
think you'll
be needing
it anymore.

WHAA!

KRAAKL



When did
he manage
that...?!!



GAHH!

SKRR
HOO
IO



You didn't
mess up
all my
powers.



Mission
Control
up here is
going into
overdrive!

I still
got this
one!



When you're
a Maker...
an active
imagination is
your greatest
weapon.

I can get back
to basics now
'cause of what
you did! I gotta
thank you for
that!



Don't give
me that
crap!!!!

You say you
got a better
imagination,
but what good
are ideas if you
ain't got the
magic to carry
them out?



You fell
for it again,
huh?



Where's
he hid-
ing?!!



!!

I made that
whole surface
you're standing
on.





That's cold!

SHAVED
ICE!



Use your head
all you want. Your
magic don't hurt
me none. It don't
even tickle...



Yeah,
whatever!

I can just
turn that
little thing
into some-
thing else.



Man, I bet
that shaved
ice tastes
really
gross.



Ha ha
ha!!



It wasn't you
who froze this
village, was it?

Your magic
ain't that
strong!

But anyway! No
ice wizard would
think *that* was
cold!

Your
secret's
out!



I could just kill you right now, but there's something I'd like to hear first.



The humbled, mewling voice of a once-great warrior!



Who knows? I might just change my mind.



Beg for my forgiveness!

Plead for my mercy!

A close-up of Minerva's face, looking slightly to the side with a determined expression. Her long hair is visible, and she has a small mark on her cheek.

**Magic is
meant to aid
our friends
and loved
ones!!!**

**Don't
lose your
pride as a
wizard!**

A close-up of Minerva's right eye, looking directly forward with a serious expression.

...
Minerva
!!

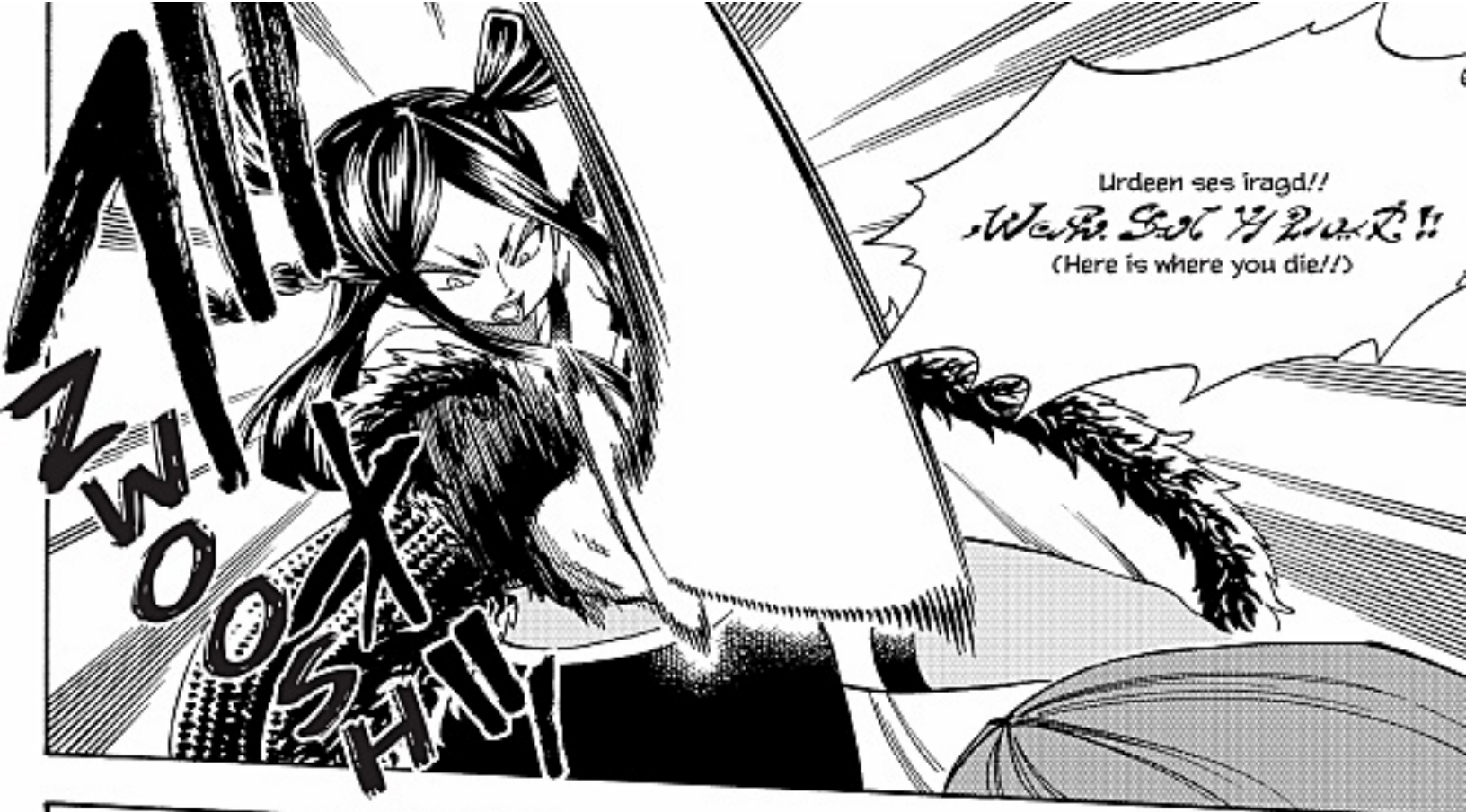
It isn't too
late for you
to turn away
from the
darkness...

A close-up of Minerva's face, looking down with a sad expression. Her hair is visible, and she has a small mark on her cheek.

Ro hwaset!!
궂은놈 (Trash)
(Trash/)

Minerva is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark coat with a thick fur collar and cuffs. She has a determined expression and is looking slightly to the side.

Y-You
presume
to lecture
me... in your
position?!

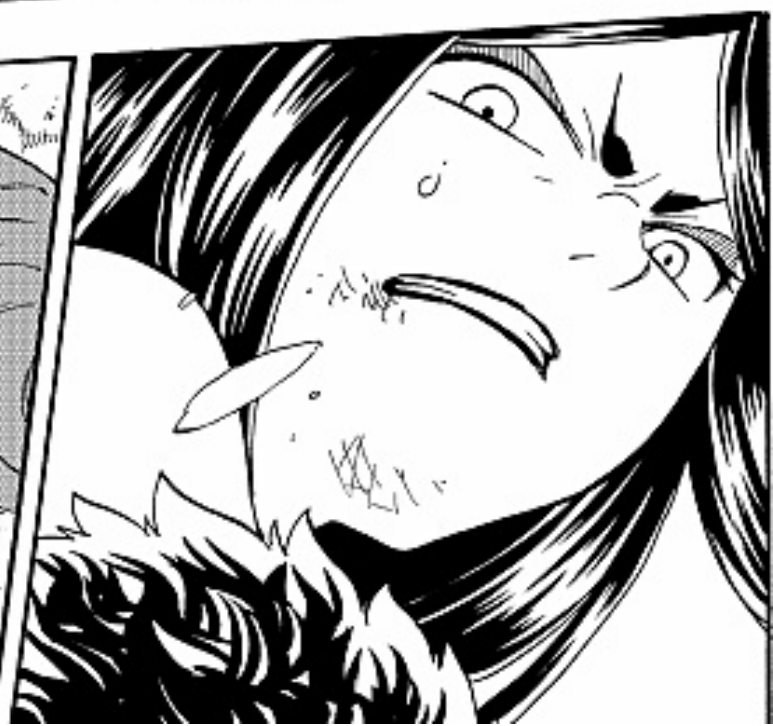




AGH!

My
body...

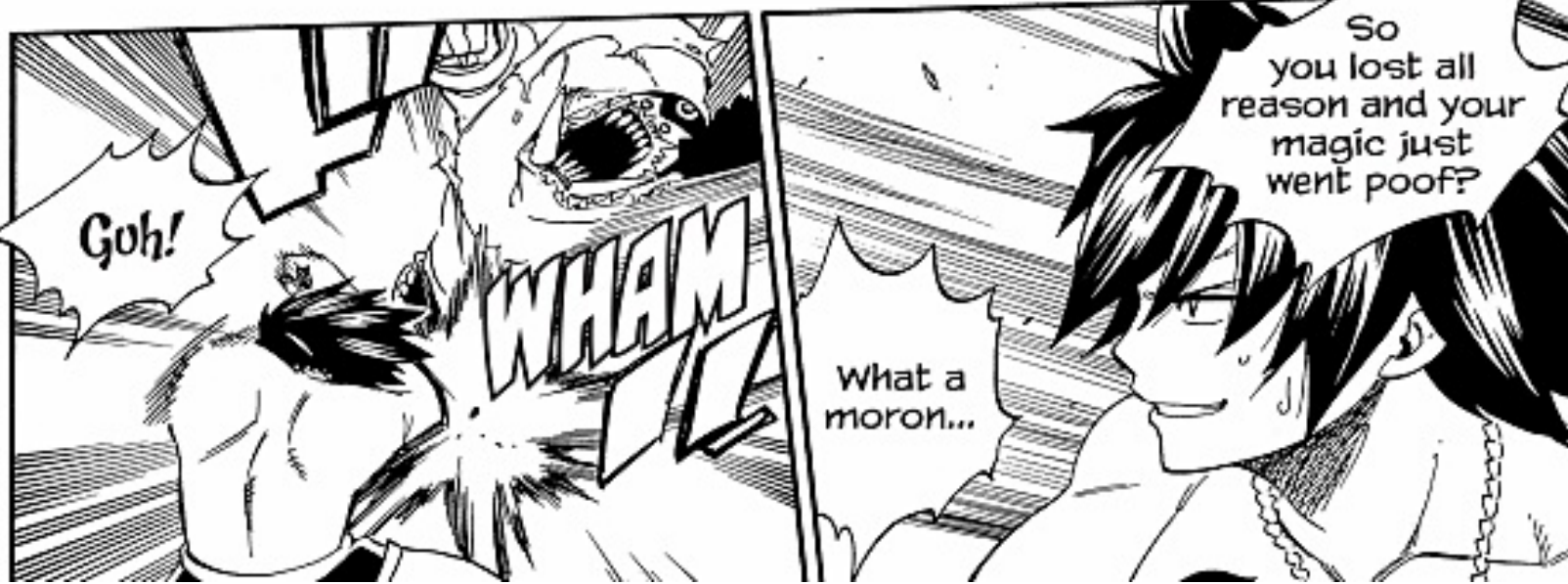
It's
back to
normal
?!!!

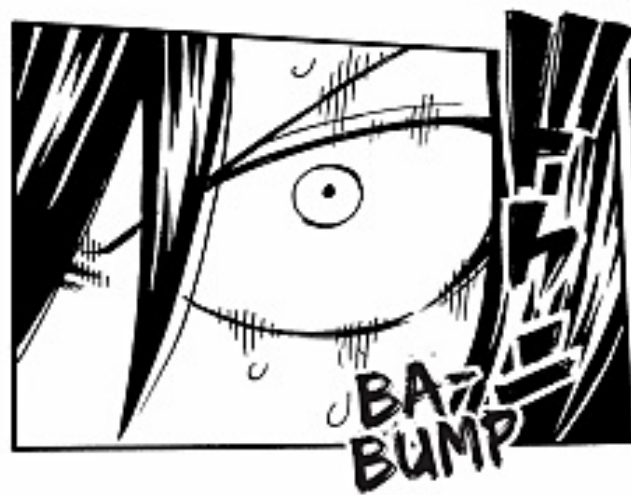












A demon
?!!





A demon
from the Book
of Zeref...



FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 350: Gray vs. Doriath



SABER TOOTH

Name: Olga Nanagia

Age: 23

Magic:

Thunder God Slayer Magic

Likes:

Singing

Dislikes:

Fire

Remarks

He's the most powerful wizard in Saber Tooth, using thunder god slayer magic. They say god slayer magic can kill gods, and that it's an Ancient Spell that has been feared for ages. He was defeated in the Grand Magic Games in one punch by Jura, but he thinks of that as a good memory. Now he is spending all his time in training for a rematch with Laxus or Jura. He is very fond of Lector and Frosch, and he often watches them hoping for a chance to play with them.



Then what
is this
guy...?!



But did he
start out as
human...?!
No... that
can't be
right!!

A demon
from the
Book of
Zeref...







Wh...

What
the heck
is going
on?!



I'm
a kid
again!!



Ngaaah...

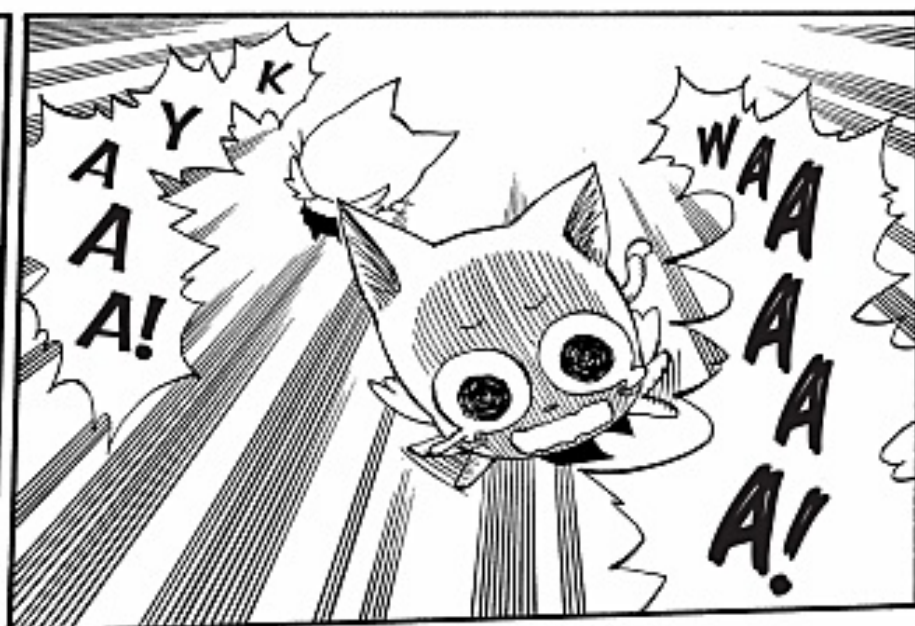
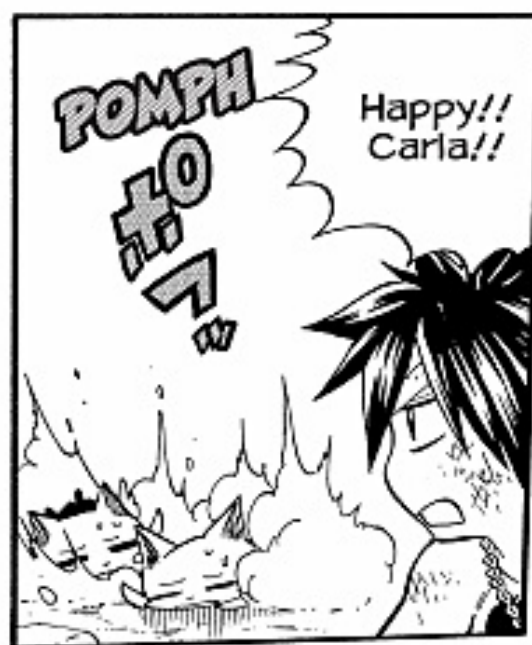


B-But
you're...



Ho? It
seems that
Doriath has
not been
defeated.







What
is that
guy
?!!!





Didn't work!!



GRASSH
K!!



Okay...!!!
Then I'll
freeze his
feet so
he can't
move!!!

PACHIK



GA!!

GA

KOON



SKRRCCCGH
+!! +!! +!! +!!



Gray
!!





We're
surrounded
by ice!

There's
gotta be a
way to turn
this thing
around...



Think!!!!



Think
that'd
hurt
me?!



OWW
!!!

STAB

STAB
STAB



Ice?!!



Gray
!!!!



Wait...

Something
doesn't
make
sense...



Even the two
of us to-
gether can't
get any
altitude!!

Thanks,
guys!!

Oh!!

Now
I get
it!!!

!!!

ST

APP

But the grass he fell on was made of that special ice, and that actually seemed to damage him!



Normally a guy of his size would just shatter frozen grass.



...but the frozen grass did hurt him!



When he turned me into a kid, my ice didn't work on him...

Even when he's lost all reason, he instinctively avoids contact with the ice! That could be proof!



I don't know why... But can the ice of this village be his weak point?!!



And if that's right, if I can somehow hit him with the magic of that ice...







*So I was
scared!!!!*



*...and the
frozen
village
reminded
me of
Dellora...*



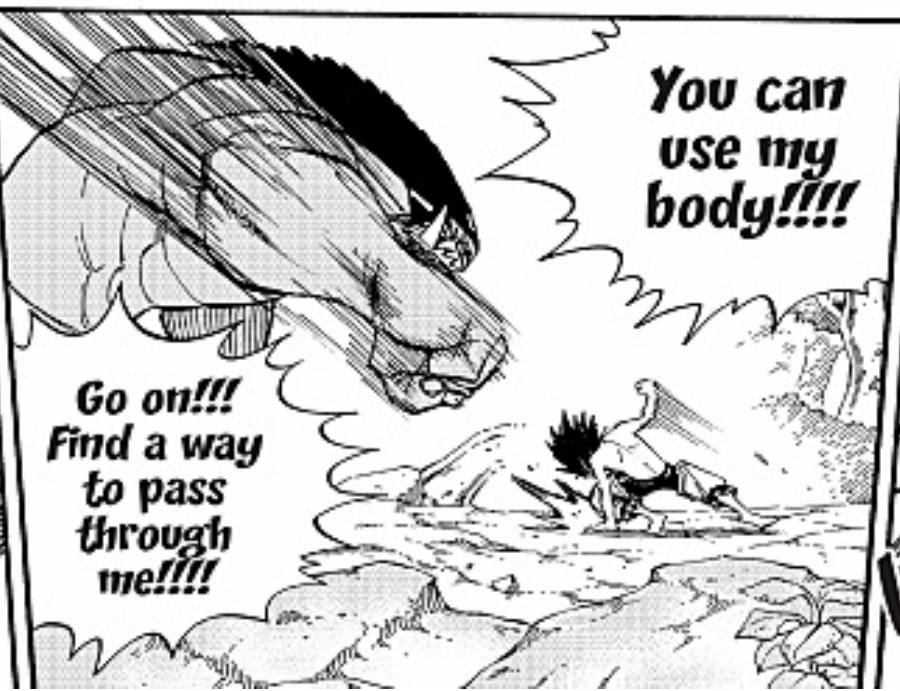
*The ice
magic
here is
creepy...*



*I don't have
to melt the
ice... just get
its magic to
pass through
me so I can hit
him with it...*



***I just
never
tried!!!!***



***Go on!!!
Find a way
to pass
through
me!!!!***

***You can
use my
body!!!!***



VAMM







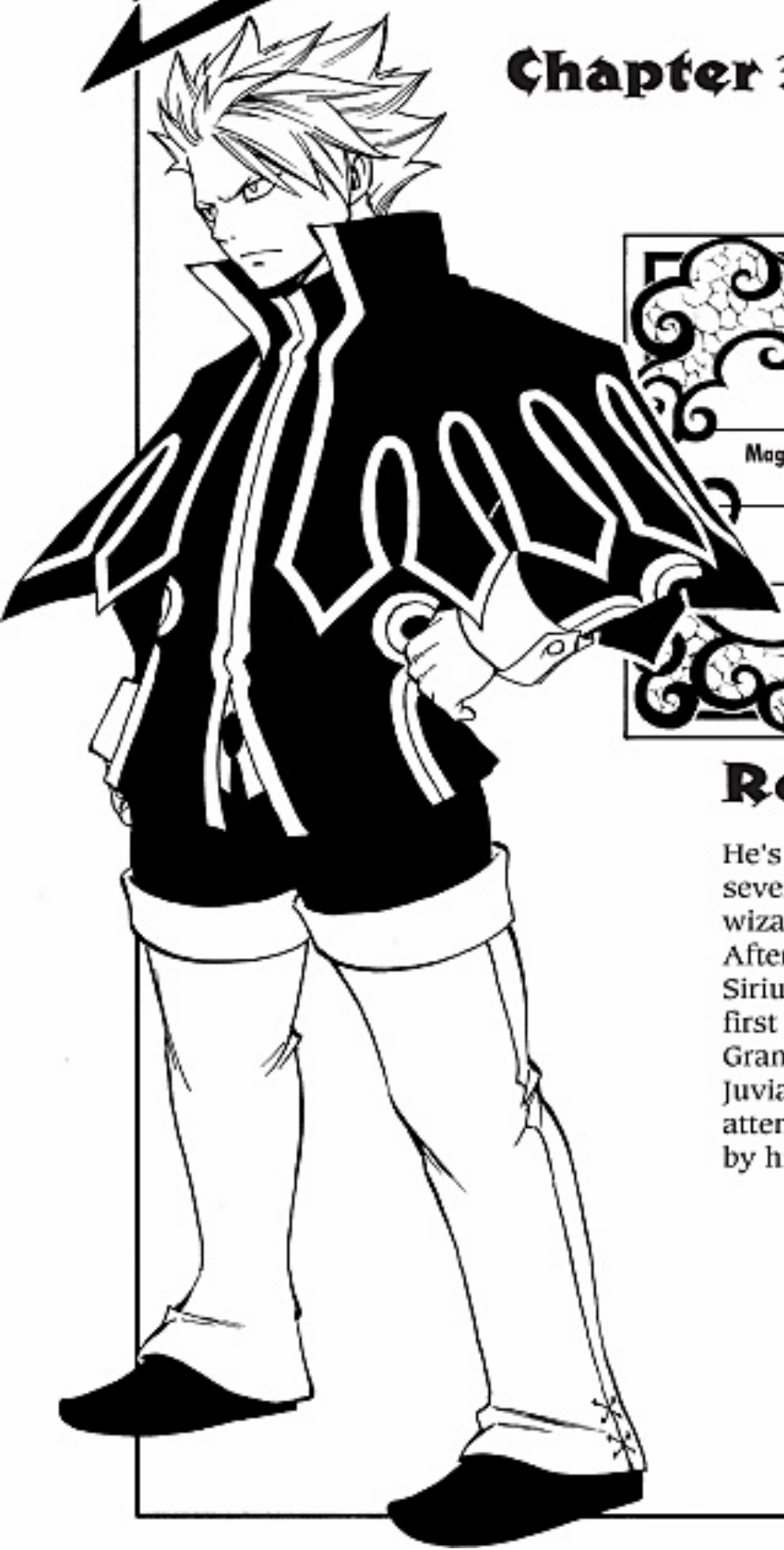




NOT THAT
AGAIN!!!
AAAAA
!!!!

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 351: Eternal Flame



LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Lyon Vastia	Age: 26
Magic:	Ice Make Magic
Likes:	Ur
Dislikes:	Gray
	

Remarks

He's gotten quite powerful over the last seven years, and now he's famous as a top wizard, standing alongside the likes of Jura. After the Fairy Tail members returned from Sirius Island, he fell in love with Juvia at first sight, and it was only at the end of the Grand Magic Games that he finally realized Juvia's feelings and stopped vying for her attention. Those around him were shocked by his aggressiveness towards a woman.



It's all right. She isn't an enemy.

Flare grew up in this village.

EEE!!

It's you!!!

Wh-What...?

...

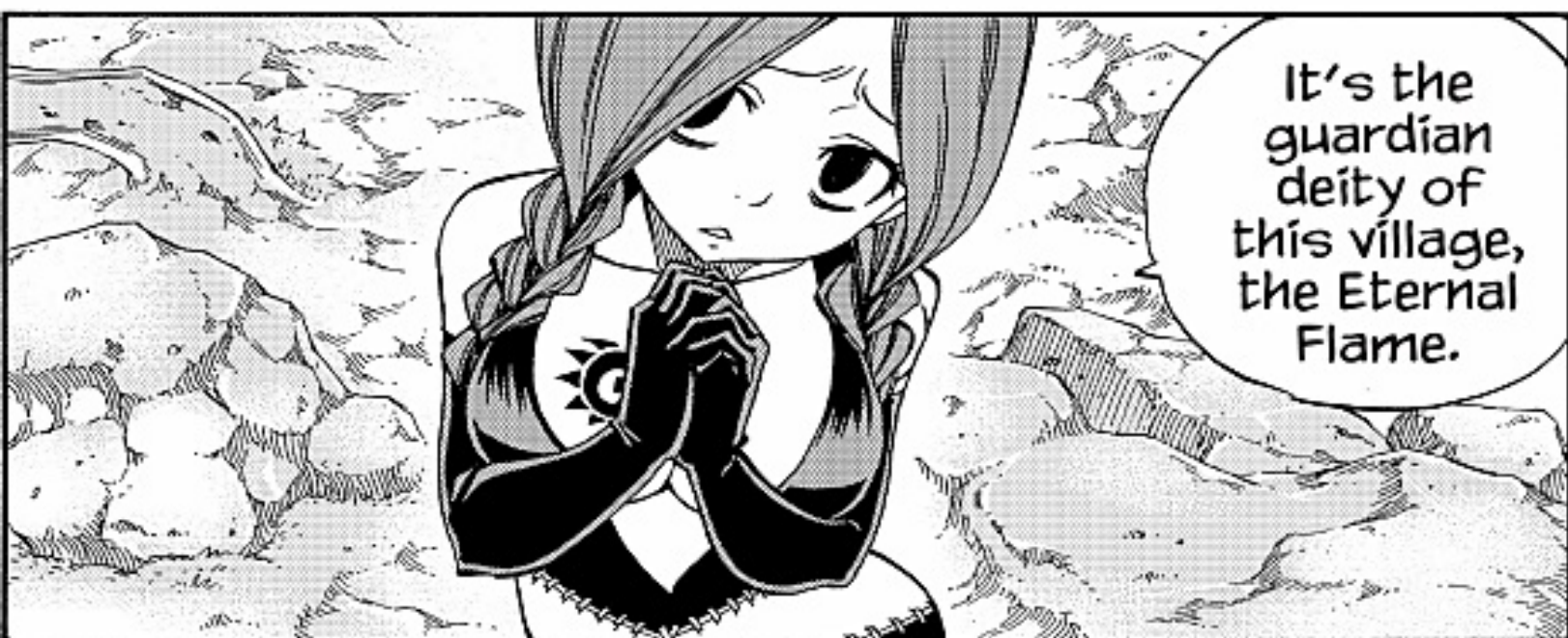
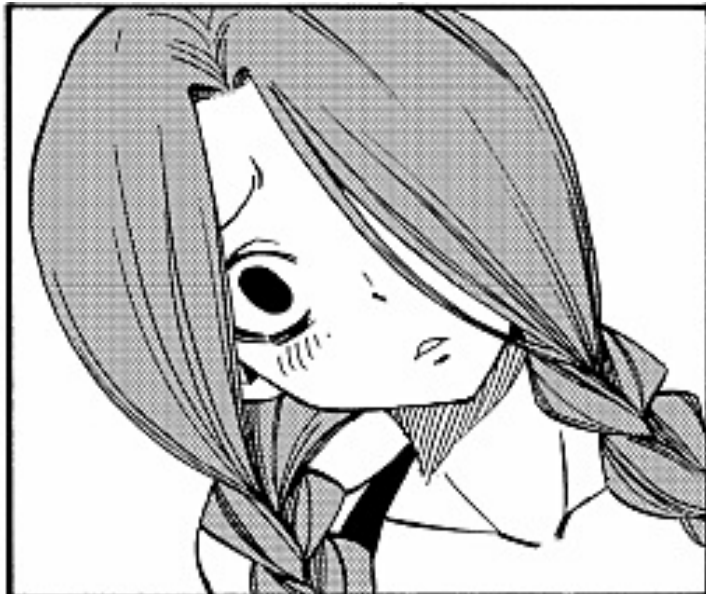
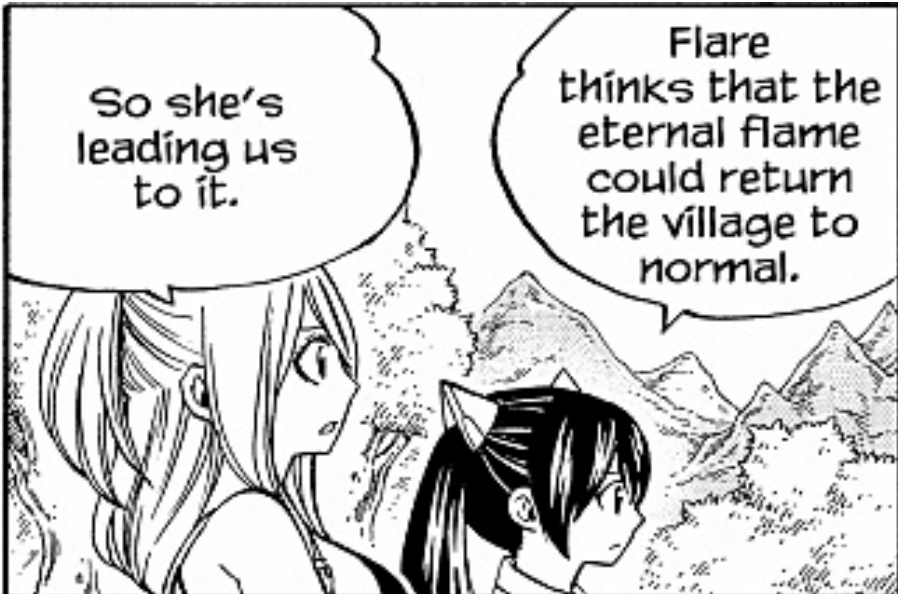
No.

Then you're a giant?

She's human, but she was raised by the giants.

I swear on the name of the guild that we'll get it back to normal!

Then it must be... hard to see the village looking like this.



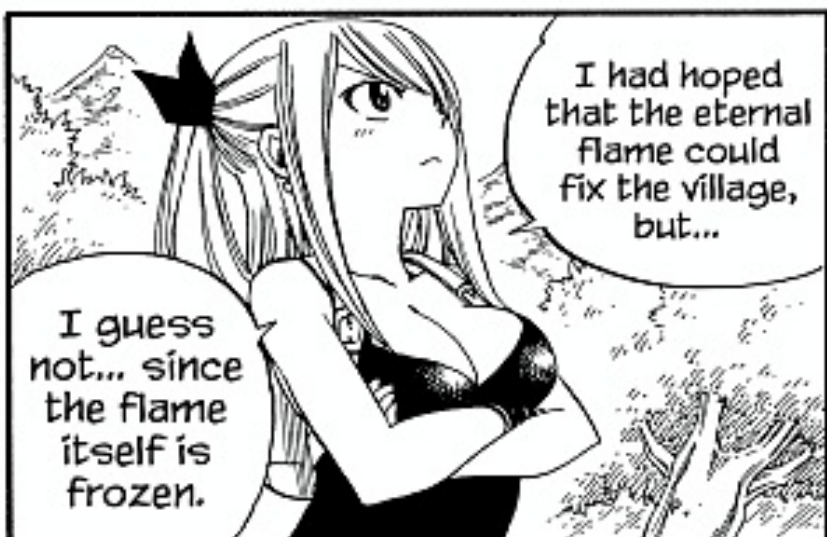
BOOM!

**This is
the *Eternal*
Flame.**

Wha?!

?!!!









I may be
able to...
melt this
ice!



I can't go
wasting my
magic power
like that right
now!

Why don't
you just
take it out,
Gray?!

Huh?



Forget
that!! You
can melt the
ice?!!

Hey...
Ain't she
from
Raven?



Really?



Got it!!
So the bird
thing's mine,
right?!!!



I don't
know
for sure,
but...

I can
try!! I'll
do what I
can!!!



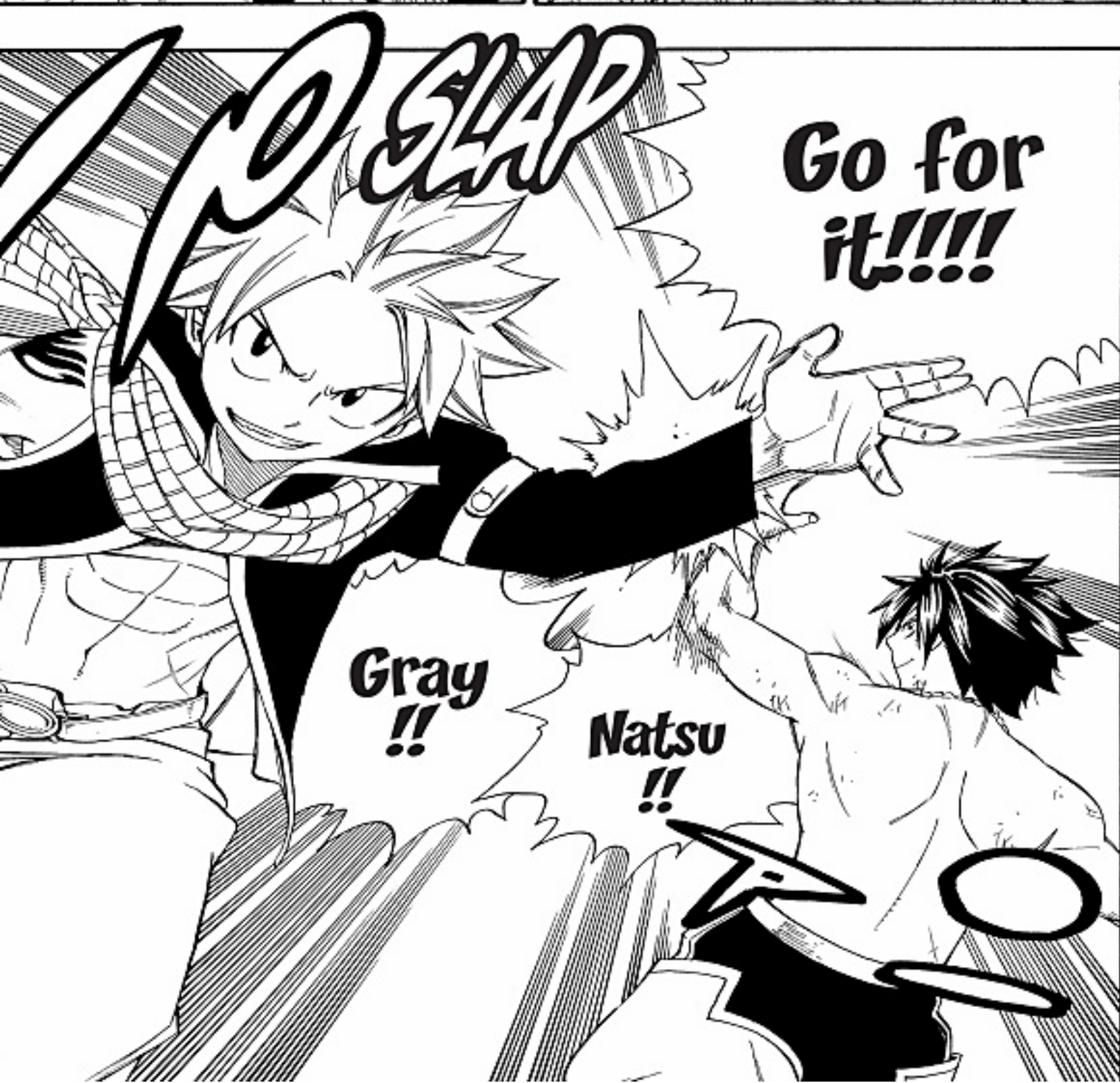
Yeah
!!!

Can you
do it?!!



This mountain
is the eternal
flame!! Your job
is to melt the
ice on it!!

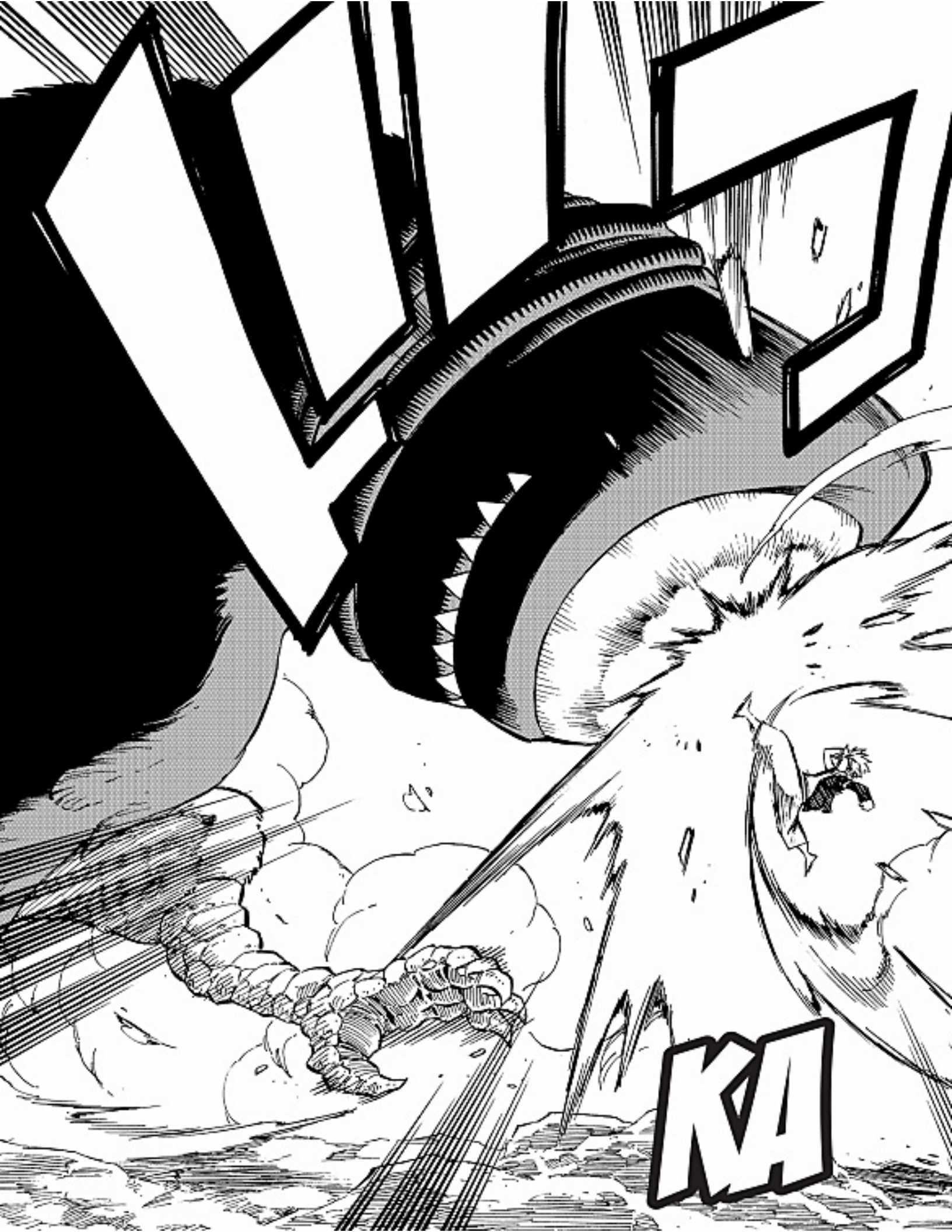
What
?!!



Go for
it!!!!

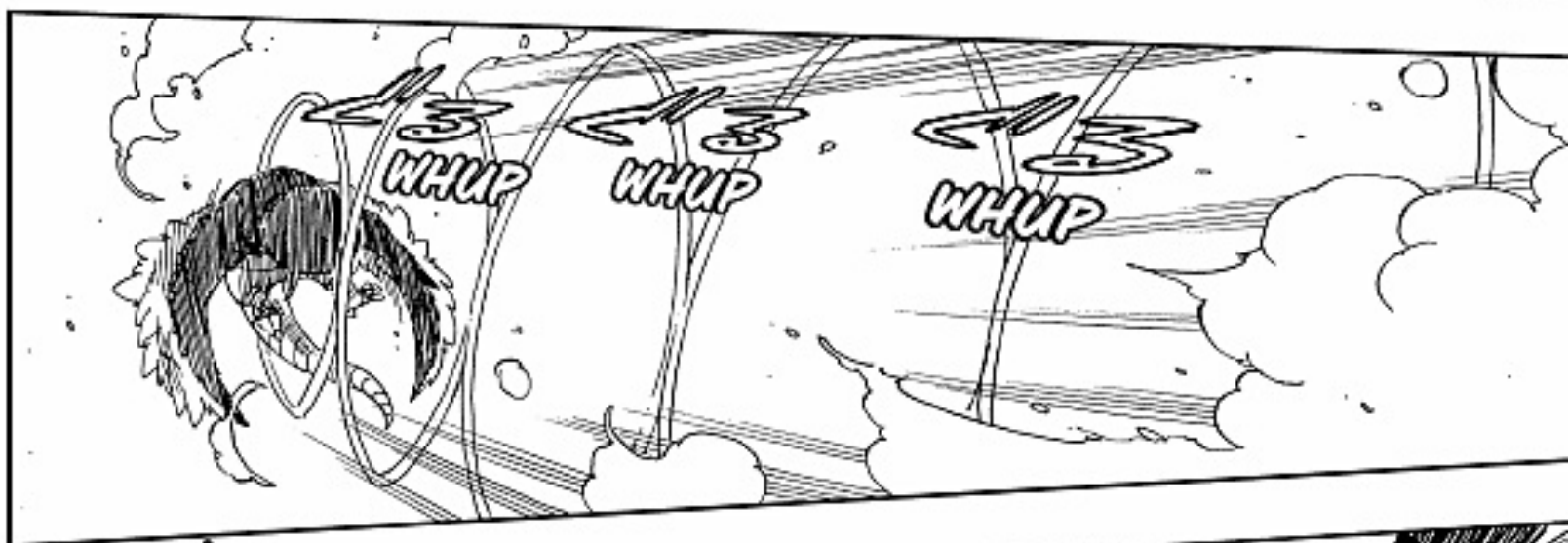
Gray
!!

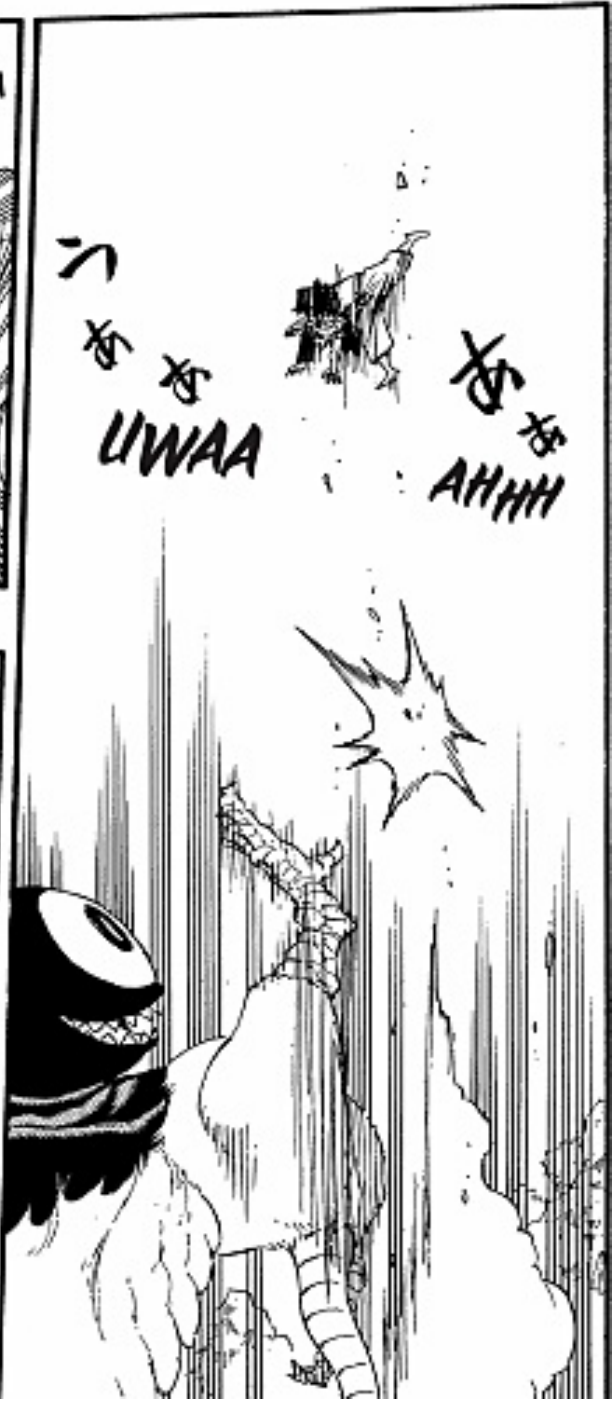
Natsu
!!



KA



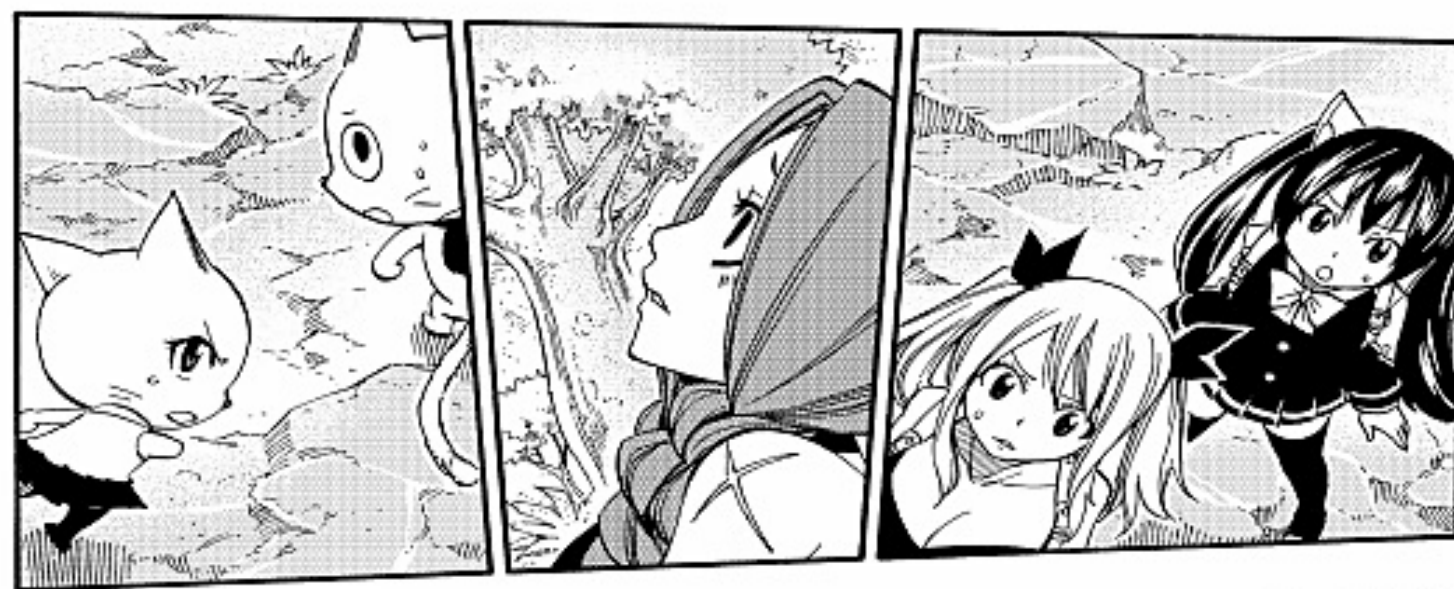
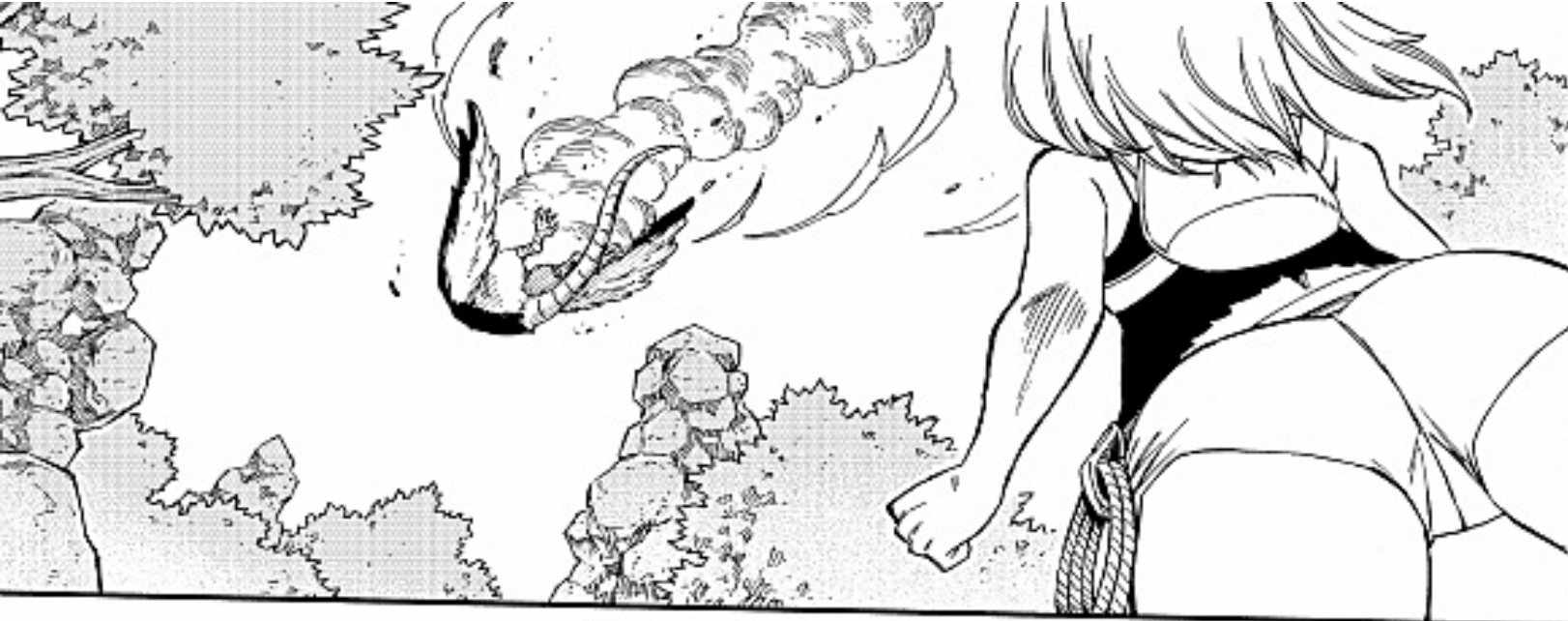




**It's
gonna
save the
village
!!!!**



KRAA



I *have* been able to make it pass through my body!

Maybe it's 'cause we have the ice thing in common.

I don't know what's the deal with the ice in this village!

I haven't been able to control it or melt it, but...

TMP

たっ

TMP

TMP

たっ

TMP

ICE
MAKE!!!

I'm going to make it into ice my magic can use!!!

What do you do with it after?

You got its magic to pass through your body?

KEEEEEEN

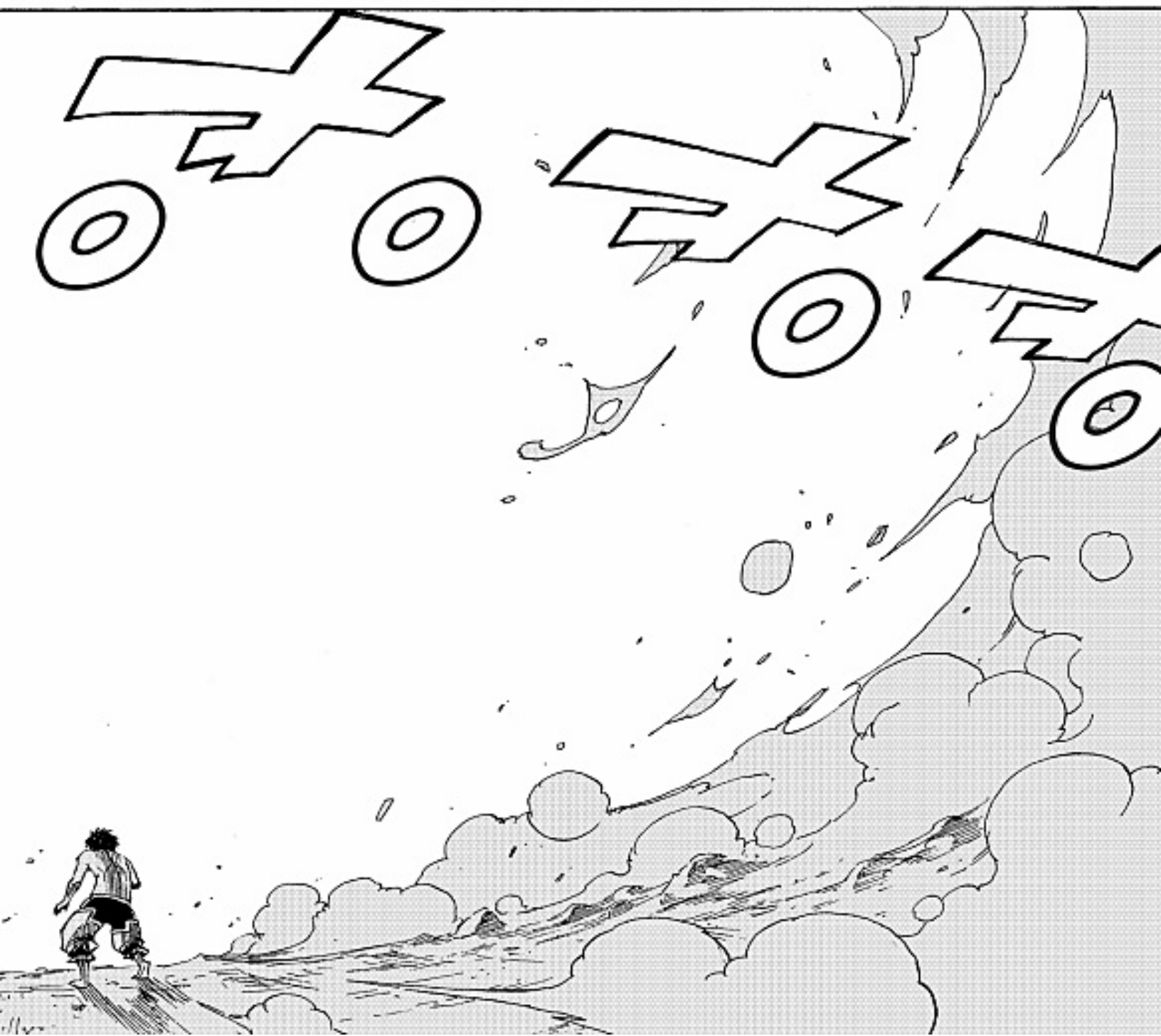
I don't know if I can or not!!
So I won't try it on the giants until after!!

First, I'll try it on this mountain... I'm gonna melt it down to the eternal flame!!

Incredible... You can do that...?









FAIRY TAIL

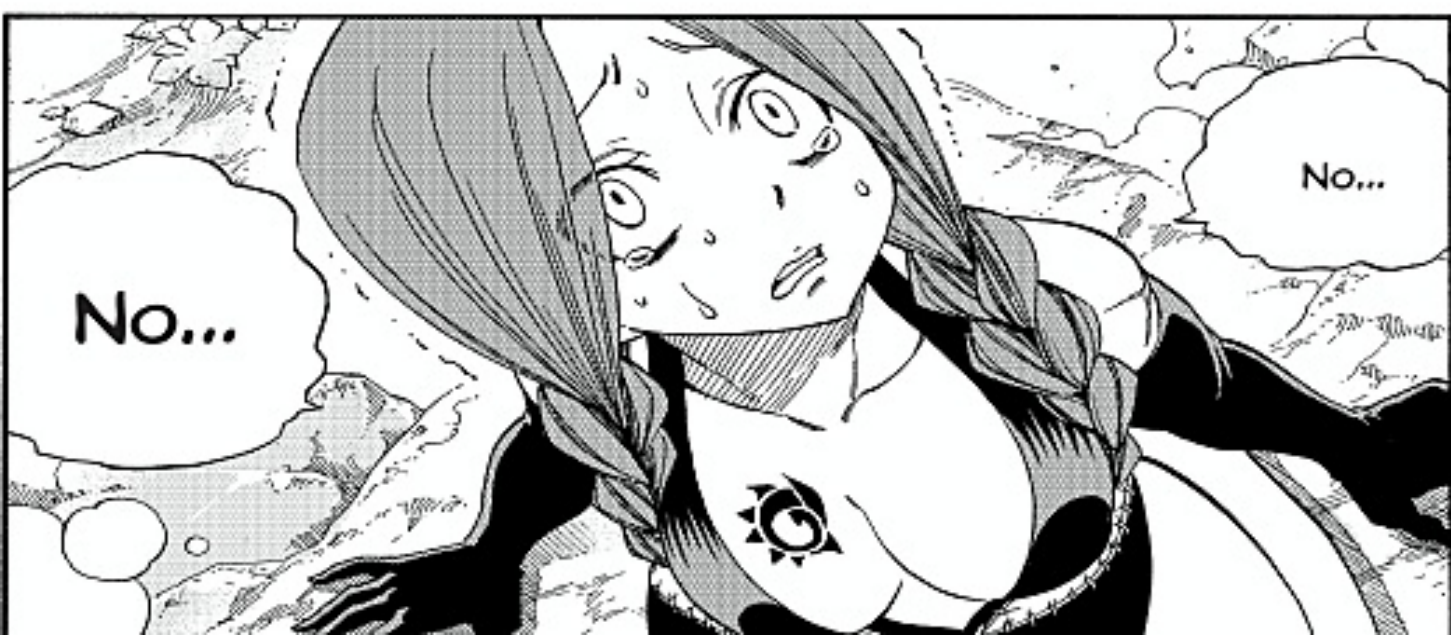
Chapter 352: Voice of the Flame



LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Jura Neekis	Age: 34
Magic:	All kinds of Earth Magic
Likes:	The Guild
Dislikes:	Peas

Remarks

He has been designated a wizard saint, an honor bestowed on the ten top wizards on the continent. Over the past seven years, he moved up in rank from last to fifth among them. He was defeated in the Grand Magic Games by a young man named Laxus, but simply found that refreshing. After the Grand Magic Games, some members of the Council voiced the opinion that the wizard who defeated Jura should be made a wizard saint, but due to Laxus's history of attitude problems, his designation has been put on hold.



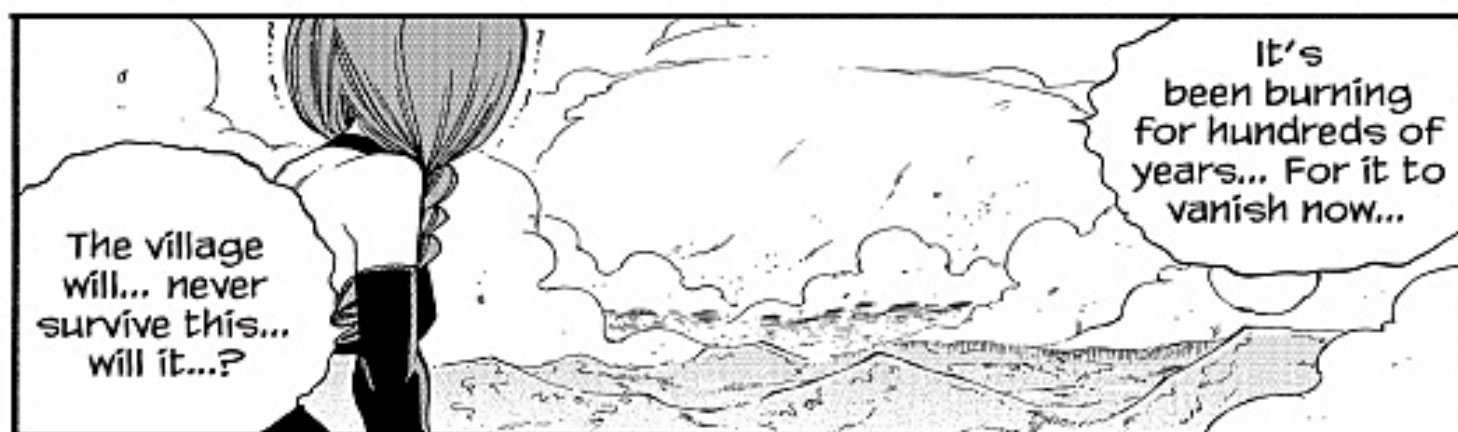


No,
maybe...
I messed
up...

There's no
way... we
can melt
the giants
now...



So the moment
it was frozen,
its fire was
extinguished?

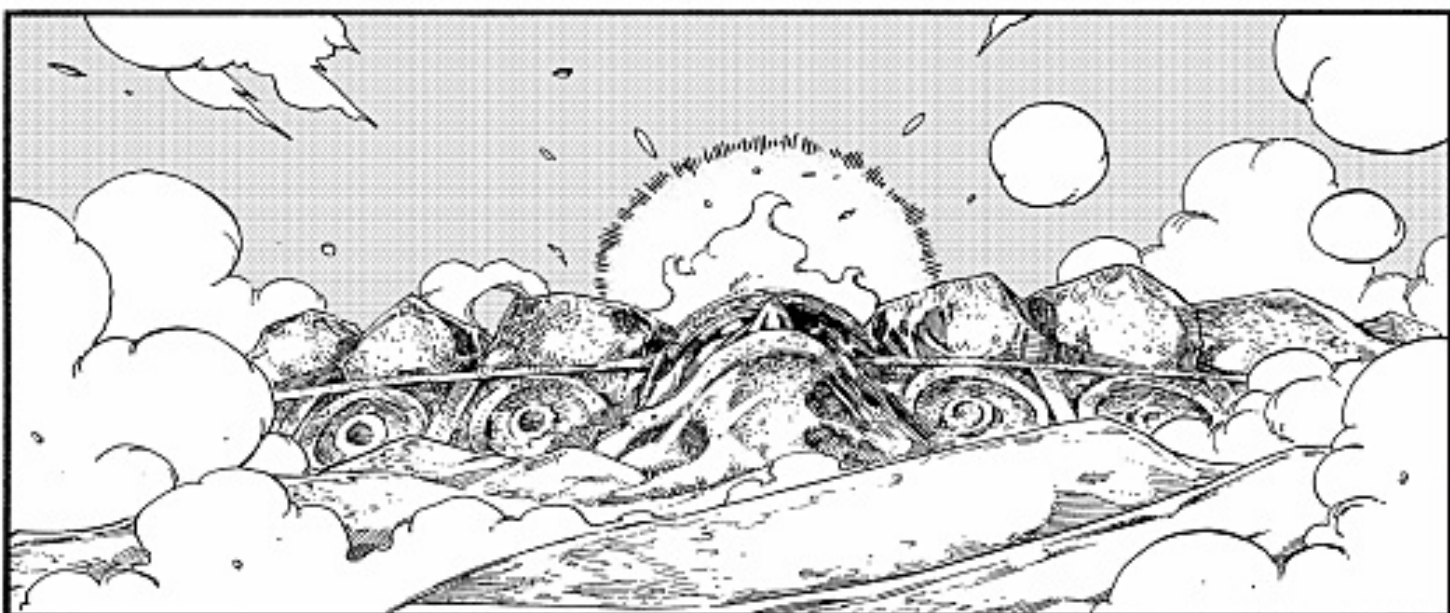


The village
will... never
survive this...
will it...?

It's
been burning
for hundreds of
years... For it to
vanish now...



**It's not
gone!!!!**





Natsu's
fire...

Natsu's
fire could
bring it
back to full
strength!!



But it
looks very
weak!

There's a
really tiny
flame left
there.



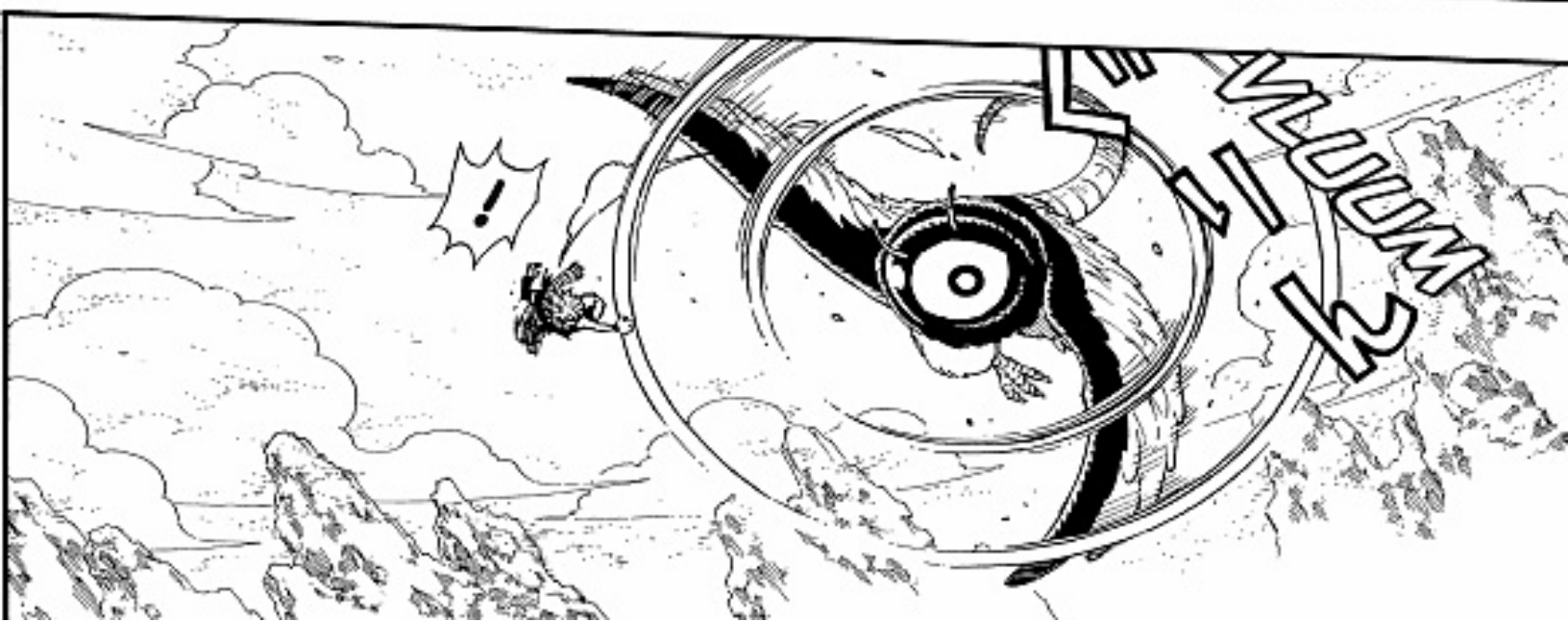
You
mean
Pink-
hair?

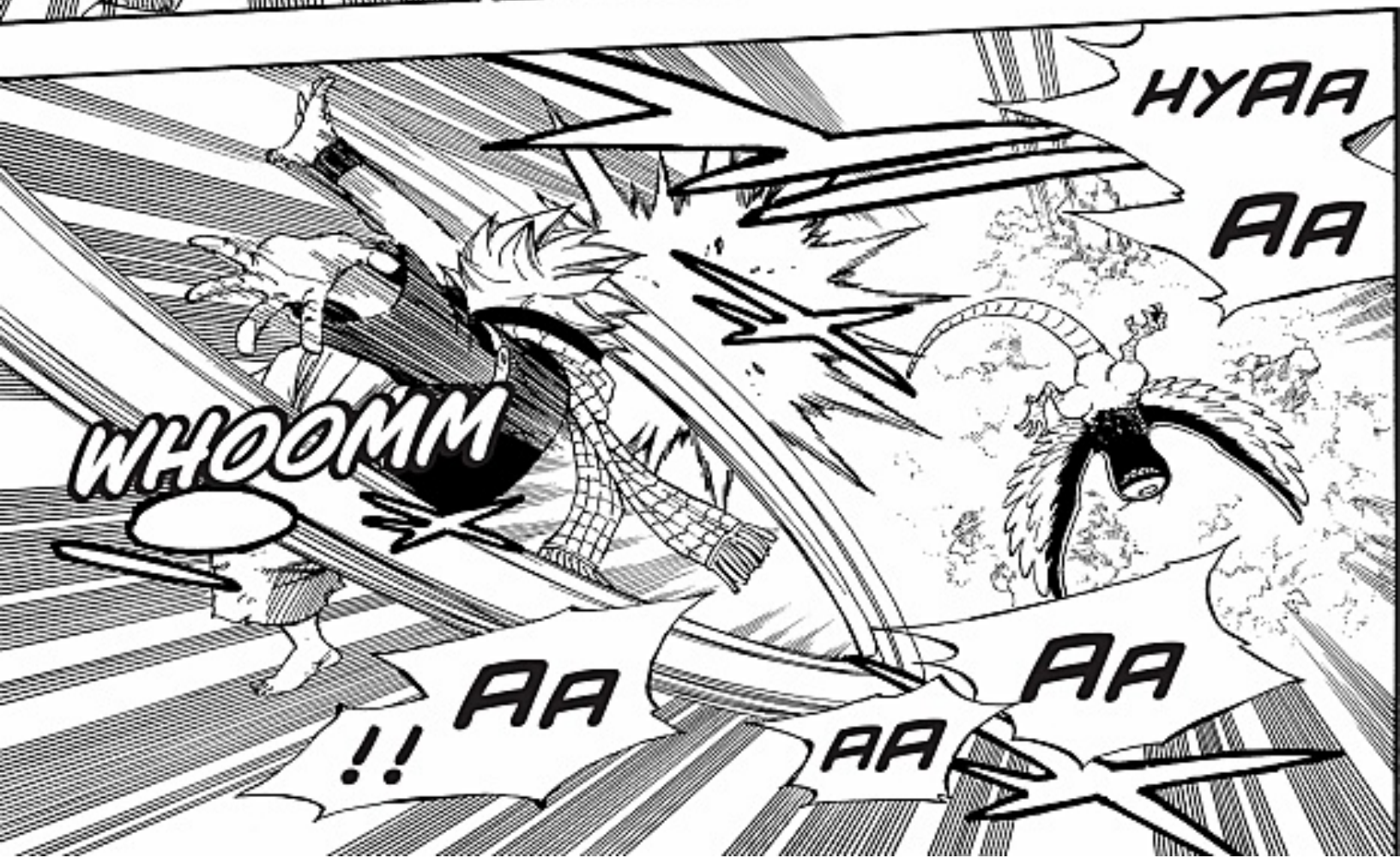


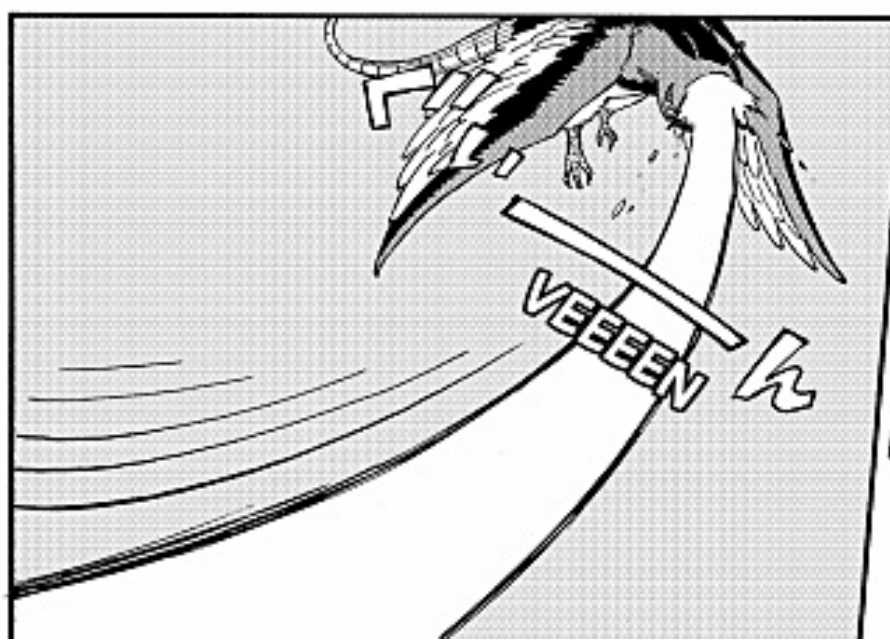
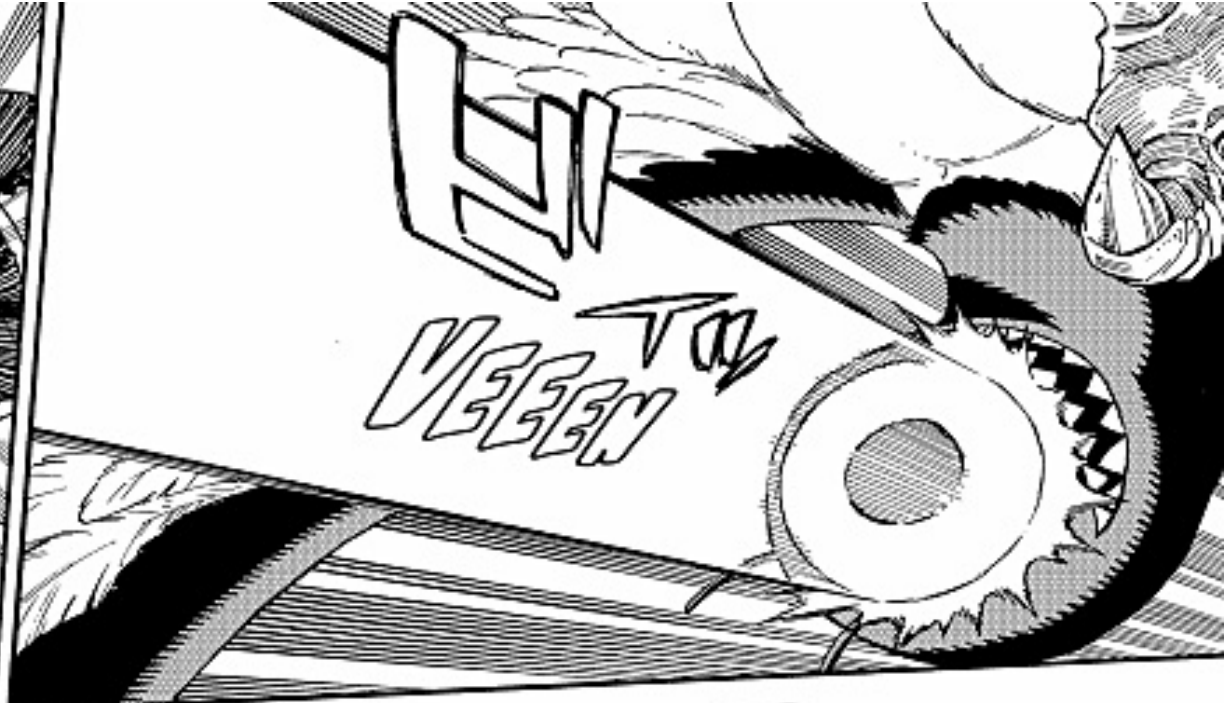
Oh,
yeah...



**Natsu
!!!!**









NGAAH!!!!

BWOOGGH







KARYŪ
NO*...

*Fire Dragon's **Gleaming Flame



GHWO.OHH



KÔEN**
!!!!



OHH

HH

HH

HH

HH



The altar...



HYAAH
!!!!

BWOOGGH

I'm
not done
yet!!!!

FOOM

FOOM

FOOM

FOOM

FOOM

HYAAAAAA

あ あ あ あ

WHOO

WHOO

WHOO

WHO







**GUREN
BAKUEN-
JIN!!!!***

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM







Has it
been 400
years...?

Child of
Igneel...

FIRE DRAGON
ATLAS FLAME

FAIRY TAIL



LAMIA SCALE

Name: Sherria Blendy

Age: 15

Magic:

Sky God Slayer Magic

Likes:

Love

Dislikes:

Spicy foods



Remarks

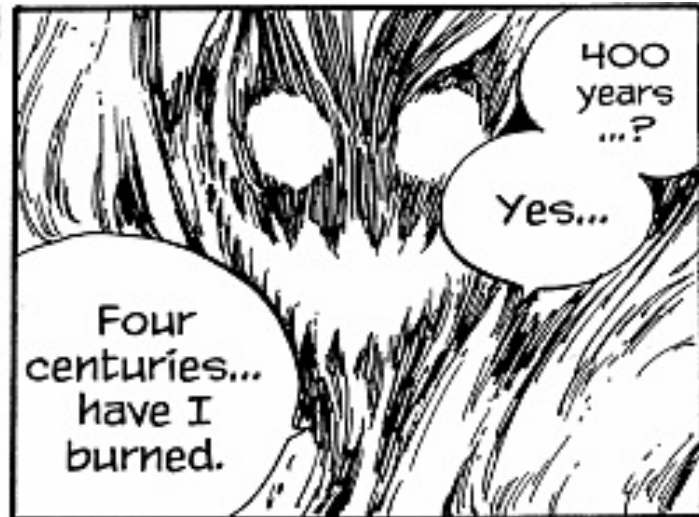
Sherria is Sherry's cousin (daughter of Sherry's mother's little sister). Ever since Sherria was small, she always seemed to have more magic power than Sherry, and she even skipped some grades in her school of magic to graduate early. She taught herself god slayer magic from a book awarded her for academic excellence by the chairman of the Magic Council, Grand Doma. He never dreamed she would actually be able to put it into practice! She really likes Wendy, who she became friends with during the Grand Magic Games. They've gone out to have fun together (along with Carla) many times since.





Long time, no see!

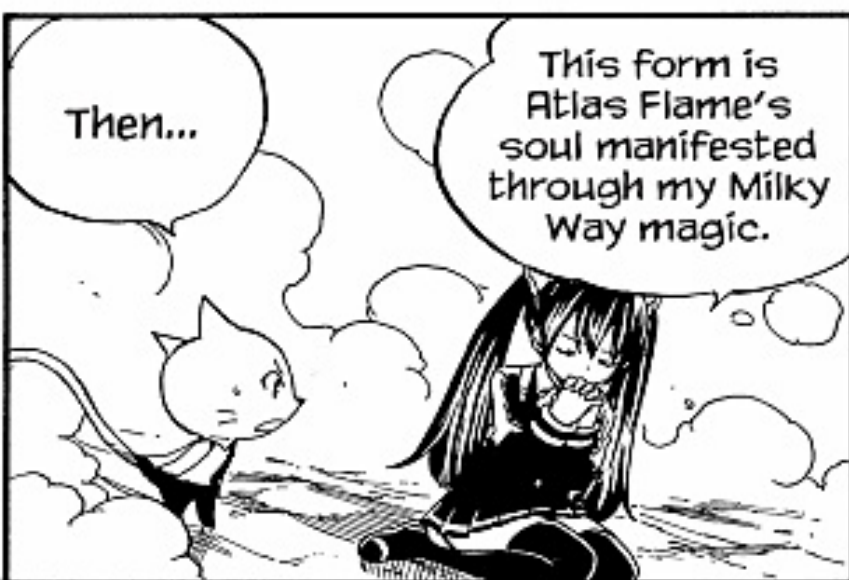
So you're still alive, Mister!



400 years...?

Yes...

Four centuries... have I burned.



Then...

This form is Atlas Flame's soul manifested through my Milky Way magic.



Alive...?

No... Not quite.



My memory is clouded...

Not so much awareness... as memory ...

You weren't aware of it?



It seems I am... perhaps... dead...

In fact, it must have happened long, long ago...



Maybe it was the ice.

What's going on? Zirconis remembered everything clearly.



Pull it together, Mister!

I do remember you, child of Igneel.

Hmm... This place is...

I am...



And because he was frozen for a long time in this magic ice, a portion of his memory was damaged...

It takes a very strong will for one's presence to persist after death, but it is very weak magic.



You're talking about this village, right, Mister?

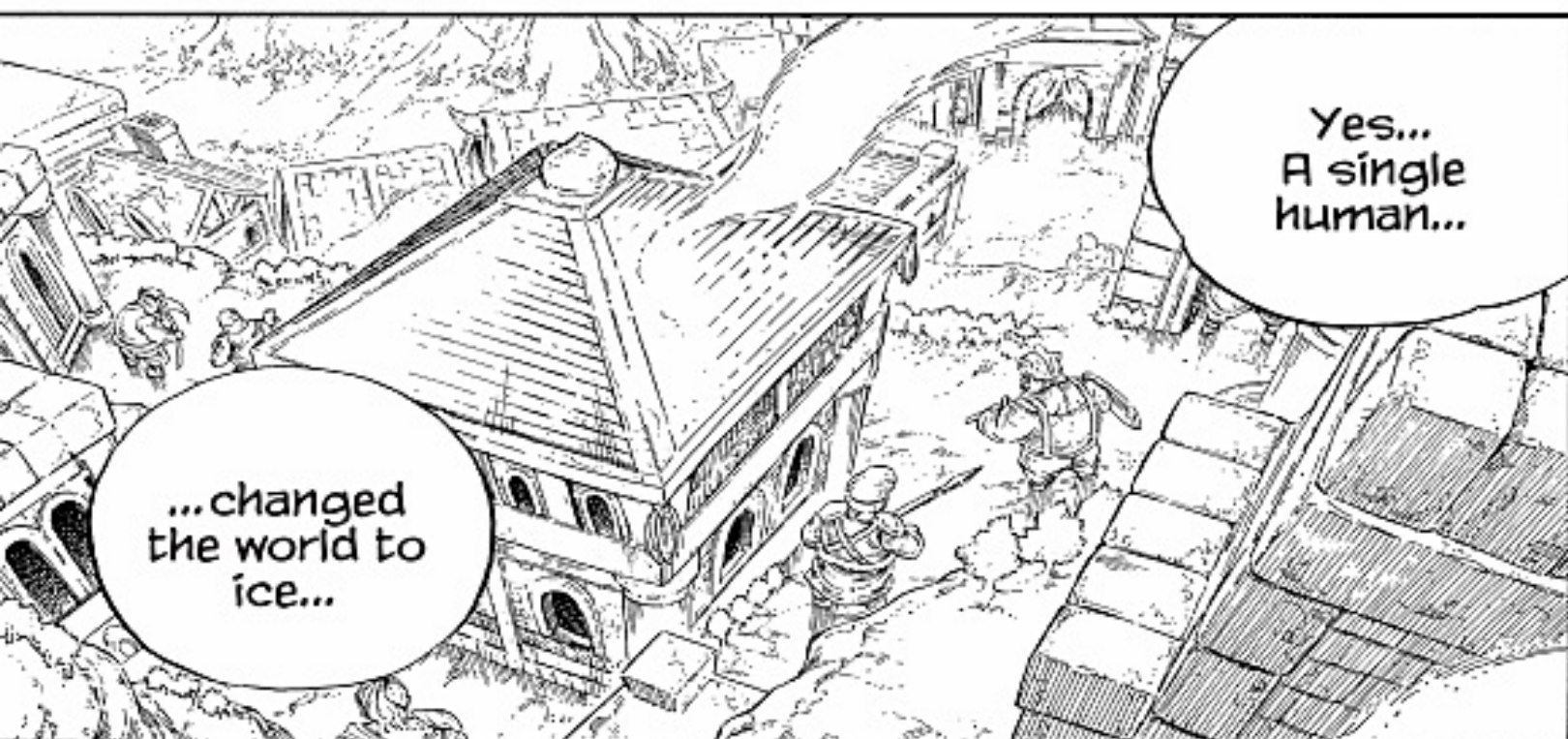
The world... covered in ice!



Ice...

Hmm...

It was ice...





Wh—Why
would
anybody
do that...

One man's
magic was
enough to
do this to
the entire
village?!



This was
the work
of an ice
wizard?!



He froze
the village
to eliminate
me...

That man...
thought I...
was evil...



**A devil
slayer...**

**A
wizard who
exorcizes
evil...**





The
flame
of the
giants
!!!!

You are
the guardian
deity of this
village!!!

Shine your
light on this
place once
more!!!!

Please
save the
village!!!!

WHOOSH

Please,
I beg of
you!!!!





I made
this
village!

Good!!
You're
remember-
ing!



I am...

I remem-
ber...

I am the
Fire of the
Giants,
Atlas
Flame!



Using the last
traces of my
soul combined
with the fires
of the child of
Igneel...

When my
village is
unhappy, it
pains me...

When it feels
sorrow, I weep
with it...



...I will set
this village
free...



**My name
is the fire
dragon Atlas
Flame!**

**I am the
guardian
dragon of
this village
!!!**



What?

His spirit is vanishing...



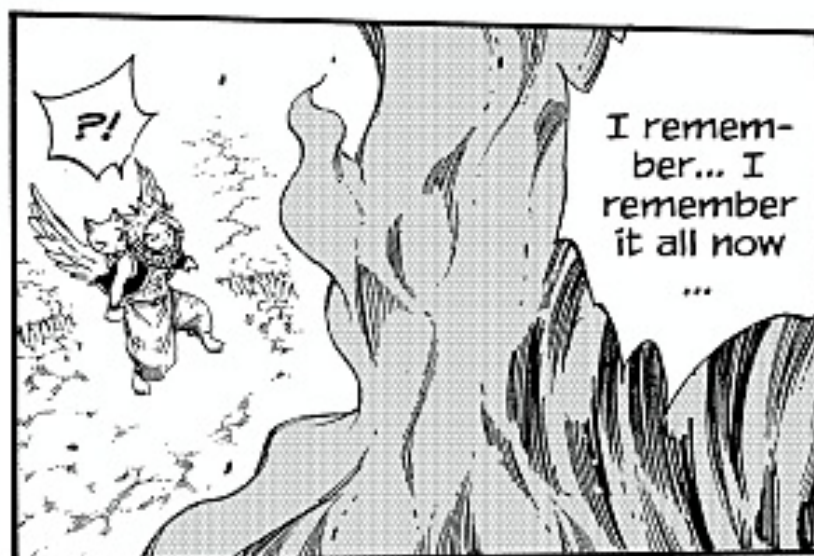
That's some fire!!

That's hot!!!!
Gray, cool me off!!!



UWAAH!

Ohhh...



?!

I remember... I remember it all now...



The Dragon King Festival...

Acnologia...

Igneel...

Zeref...



400 years ago... Igneel tried to destroy END but failed...

The wickedest, most vicious demon in the Book of Zeref...

END!!









We will
finish this
at another
time.

You
and me!
On the
ultimate
stage!



Minerva!

I suppose
this ends
it.

H!!
DMP

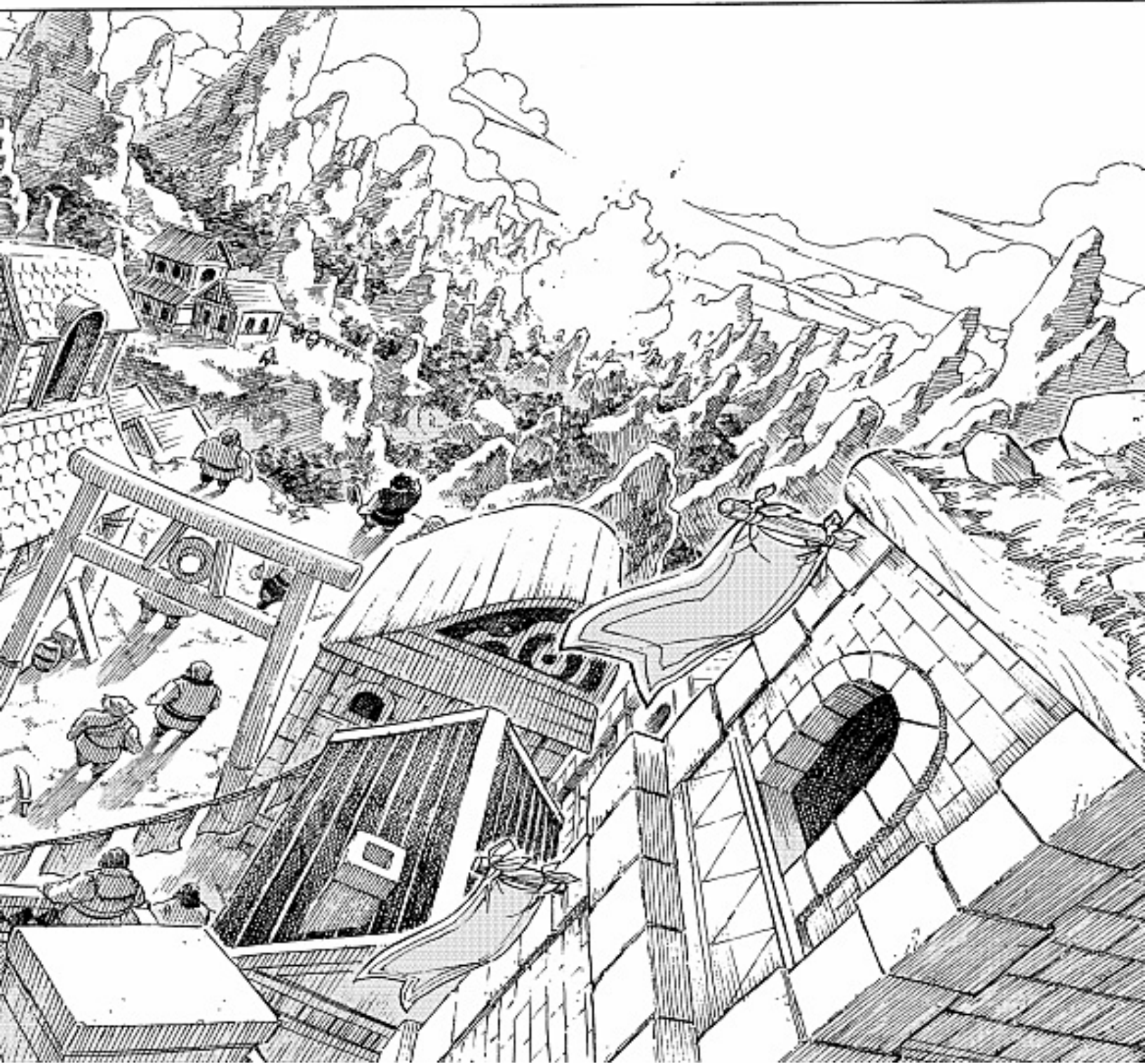


Don't let the
darkness taint
you!! I do not
think you are
that weak!!



Let it taint me?!
I will plunge the
entire *world* into
darkness!!











The only thing
I'm interested in
eating is demon
souls.

**ABSOLUTE
ZERO**

ONE OF THE NINE
DEMON GATES
OF TARTAROS

**ABSOLUTE ZERO
SILVER**

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

Leaving off whether I'm good or bad, I love writing, and even dialog in a manga is, in some way, writing. And the Question Corner at the end of almost every book is nothing but writing. I'll also bet that I began this "Afterword" section out of my love of writing too, but recently with my "From the Author" comments at the beginning of the books, my margin comments in the magazine installments, and with the stupid number of tweets I do every day on my Twitter account, I've found recently a huge load of places to talk about things. And a lot of those are in pretty much real time! With all that, I've slowly begun to run out of things to put in my afterwords. This is a problem. Here in Volume 41, this whole story started with the idea that even though Erza is tiny, she's still strong! But if I did that, then people might come away with the idea that "Minerva sure has gotten weak these days," instead. So I dumped that idea and went with, "Even when tiny, Erza still keeps her eyes on the prize, and she even goes so far as to lecture people!" I also obsessed over giving Gray a featured spot considering he didn't get much to do during the Grand Magic Games, so his part in this series is a real standout.

By the way, Gray is slated to have a big part in the next arc too. That's the new series that starts in the next volume, and it's going to be another huge one. I said about the same thing before the Grand Magic Games started too, huh? (sweat) If the last series was a huge gathering of characters, this new series will be a huge gathering of different techniques. I've been building up manga-making techniques for fifteen years, and I'm going to use them to make this next series a really exciting one! Stay tuned!!

GRIMOIRE HEART



Master Hades. It was their goal to make use of Zeref the Black Wizard and make the Great Magic World a reality. They invaded Sirius Island, where Zeref was, but they were destroyed in the fury of Fairy Tail's counterattack. Two of the members of the guild's strongest team, the Seven Kin of Purgatory, are Ultear and Merudy.

Set
course
for the
Fairy
Island!

Let us
begin!

DARK GUILD
GRIMOIRE HEART
MASTER HADES

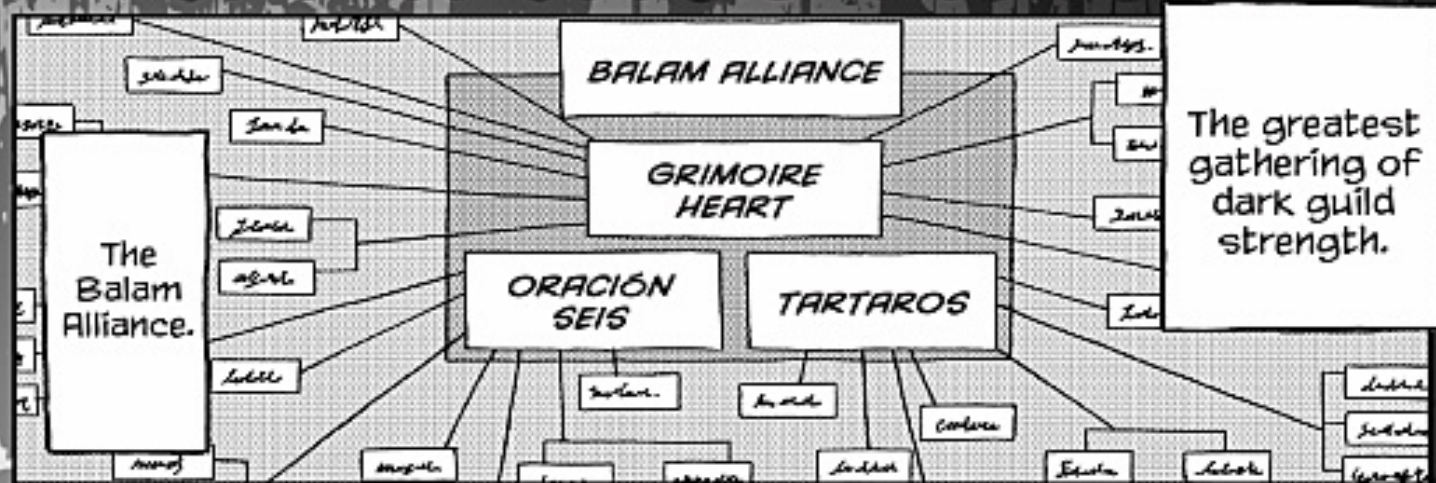
We
demons will
bring down a
crushing blow on
humanity!!!

Until that
happens, you
better not
mess around
with my
memories.

The gate to
the world of
the dead is
going to open.

THE FINAL CORNER OF THE BALAM ALLIANCE
TRIANGLE, THARTAROS, HAS WRIGGLED OUT OF
THE SLIME... AND ARE CLOSING IN, WORKING
TOWARD A CALAMITY THAT WILL STUN THE
WORLD!!

THE FATEFUL HISTORY



The Balam Alliance is

The greatest gathering of dark guild power in the form of three guilds, Oración Seis, Grimoire Heart, and Tartaros. Under the umbrella of those three guilds are a huge number of dark guilds who are subordinate to them.

Master: Zero. They tried to make use of the Hyper Reversal Magic of Nirvana to destroy the order of the world. The guilds of Fairy Tail, Blue Pegasus, Lamia Scale, and Cait Shelter formed a combined force that stopped them. One member, Cobra, is a poison dragon slayer (2nd Generation).

ORACIÓN SEIS





EMERGENCY REQUEST! EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF F.T.



Somewhere in Magnolia...

Mira: Welcome boys and girls! It's me Mira!

Lucy: ...

Mira: Here we are at question corner!

Lucy: What's with the fast talk?



: Just a whim. I'm already tired of it, so we'll just move along.



: O-Okay.

Mira: Now, our first question.

**Is
Warrod
Human?**



Lucy: Heh heh!

Mira: It's rude to laugh at him...
Ha ha ha!

Lucy: There are a whole lot of other suspicious people in this world aside from him, but yeah, I think he's human.

Mira: Probably human.

Lucy: Next question.

*That thing
that's kind of
like Zeref's
familiar. I'd
like to know
its name.*



Mira: It's Obra.

Lucy: Wasn't that a member
of Raven Tail?



: Right. The human form was the puppet, and the little thing was the actual form of the creature.



: Ehhhh...?!!

Mira: Even the master of Raven Tail, Ivan, had no idea, and that's why he allowed Obra in.

Lucy: Come to think of it, I remember a decryption of the human form (at least we thought it was human) that said he had a tendency to suddenly stop moving.

Mira: Suddenly stopping moving That's scary!

Lucy: Mira-san, there's that fast talk again!

Mira: Next question!

What is that mysterious language Minerva was using?



Lucy: I wanna know the answer to that!



I read!
: Yagdi! Rigola!!!



: Aah! What did you just say?



: "Be gone."

Lucy: What an awful thing to say!

Mira: I'm talking the language of Yakuma.

Lucy: Language of Yakuma?

Mira: A long time ago, there was a race called the Yakuma, and that was the language the clan used.

Lucy: The first master was really shocked and said something about the Yakuma Eighteen Battle Gods. Anything to do with that?



Mira: There were eighteen types of dangerous magics handed down through the Yakuma called the "Yakuma Eighteen Battle Gods." This was one of them.



: "Yagd" ... "Rigola" ... Those are pretty hard to pronounce!

Mira: Yagd Rigola!!!

Lucy: Mira-san, that's amazing!!

Mira: Of course I can't use the magic. She was the first person I'd ever seen who could.

Lucy: Even the first master was shocked, huh?

Mira: I was shocked too.



: For real this time. Why the fast talk?



: Lucy, why don't you just give it a try yourself?

Lucy: Huh?

Mira: It's fun!

Lucy: O-Okay... Ahem. You can call me Lucy.

Mira: That's hard to read.

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GUILD

Whoa~! ▶
That's
incredible!!
How many
characters
are drawn
here?! A
hard job
well done!

Yamaguchi Prefecture, Haruka Takano



Fukuoka Prefecture, Mai Kawamura



▲ I like how everyone else is
in her bag.

Kanagawa Prefecture, Akanepp



▲ I love the Yukino character
too. You'll see her again in
the future!



Kyoto, Hand-made Croquettes

▶ I wonder
where
he is off
traveling
alone
right
now?

By sending in letters or
postcards, you give us
permission to give your
name, address, postal code,
and any other information
you include to the artist
as-is. Please keep that
in mind.

RECEIVED CORNER

This
scared
even me...!
It's like
the manga
will be
overrun by
sketches!



Kyoto, Haruka Shiro

Tokyo, Kai Tōma



▲ There are lots of people
who say they're happy
about the new anime!
Thank you!

Hokkaido, Omega



▲ Now this is cute! I also
like Happy and Carla here!

The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

d'ART

Fukuoka Prefecture, Yoshinaru



▲ The strongest of Erza's present armor. It may just appear again!

Taiwan, Scobar



▲ Cross-dressing FriedP! Huh? It looks good on him.

Okayama Prefecture, Yui Uzuka



▲ So in the end, will Rogue stay with the good guys or go to the dark side?

Nagano Prefecture, Fried Pudding



▲ Mavis in uncharacteristic Western fashion. Cute!!

Shizuoka Prefecture, Plyorina



▲ She had a lot to do in the stories originally made for anime.

Aichi Prefecture, Shunta Suzuki



▲ Buy both big and small Natsu! They're a set!

Gunma Prefecture, Mina



▲ The Fairy Tail girls in the guys' clothes. Wait... Lucy?

Yamagata Prefecture, Chokoron



▲ A coupling we don't usually see. But they're not bad together.



**I'm Natsu
of Fairy
Tail!!!**

**Time to
hunt some
demons!!**



**Who're
you?**



**The hell
of the Nine
Demon Gates
of Tartaros!**

...but we suspect
they may have
an extremely
powerful demon
of the Book of
Zeref at their
beck and call.





NEXT TIME

Very
well! We will
show the humans
the power of the
Underworld!

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I WENT AND
MISPLACED THE
COVER... I'M SO
SORRY!

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FROM HIRO MASHIMA



I'm so busy that I'm getting dizzy.
But they say it's when a manga artist
is busy that he or she is happiest.
When one of us is **not** busy, we get
so lonely we cry and wail. And I hope
to always be a manga artist, so I'm
going to work really hard so that I
can complain, "I'm too busy," all the
time!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 42, Blue-black

Jet-black hair is often called "blue-black" in the West because the highlights (reflections of light) look almost like a very dark blue. That idea has been reflected in American comic books, where the hair is mostly blacked in, but again, the highlights are colored blue. Japanese manga artists do the same thing with hair, and Wendy's hair is a good example of "blue-black" hair.



Page 48, Ebi

As mentioned in the notes way back in Volume 2, there is a habit of some manga characters to end their sentences with an identifiable-but-basically-meaningless word. Cats might end their sentences with "nya" (the sound of a cat's meow in Japanese). Crab characters may end their sentences with "kani" (the Japanese word for "crab"). So it was a surprise to the regular characters when Cancer the crab ended his sentences with "ebi" (the Japanese word for "shrimp").



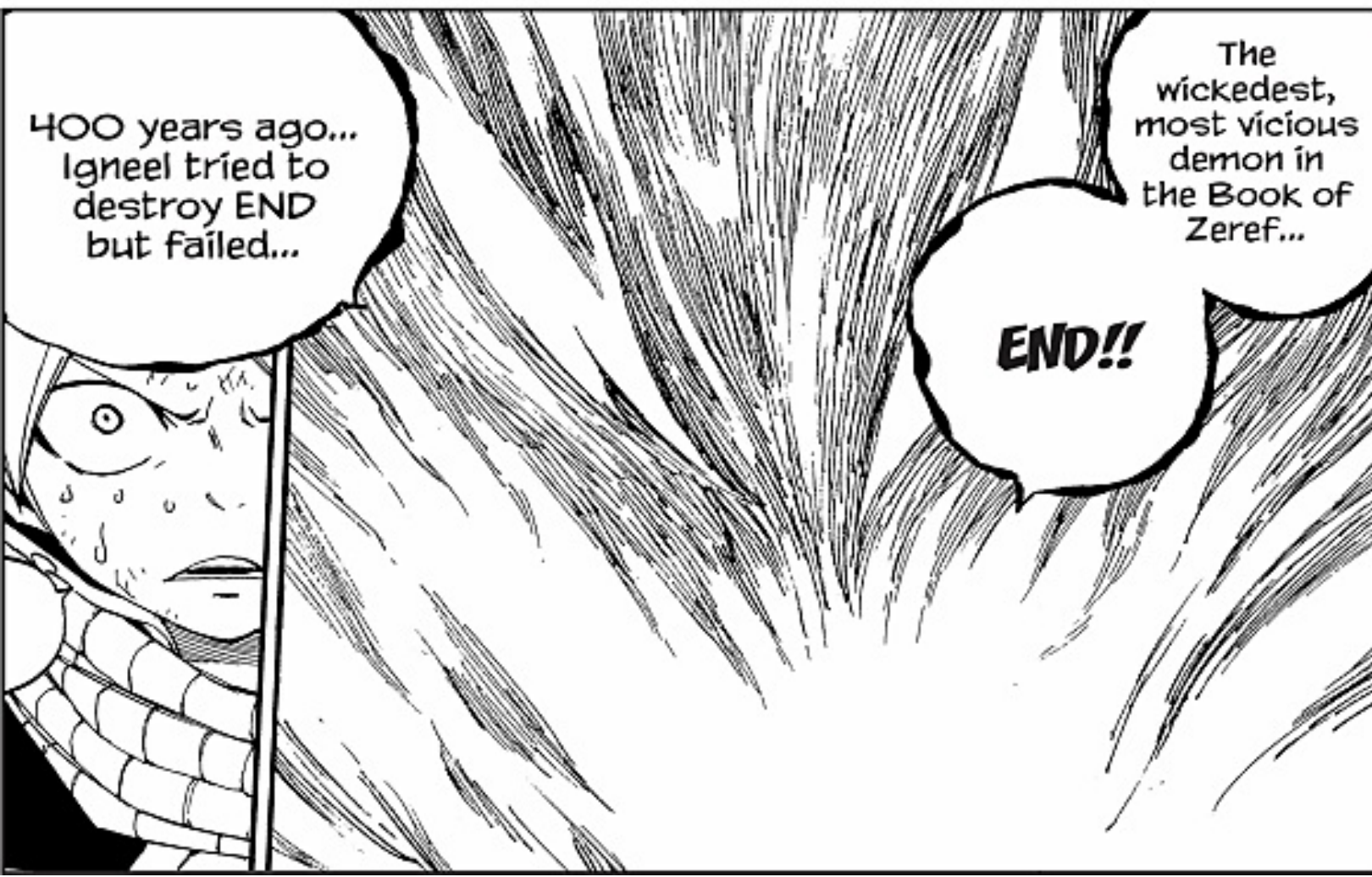
Page 90, Shaved ice

Although shaved ice (also called snowcones) is a summertime treat in the West, it is particularly popular in Japan, with many different types of topping aside from the sweet, fruit-flavored syrups available in the west. Uni (sea bream), for example, is considered a real shaved-ice luxury topping. On the other hand, shaved ice on the top of a dark wizard's (or demon's) head would not be very appetizing in either culture.



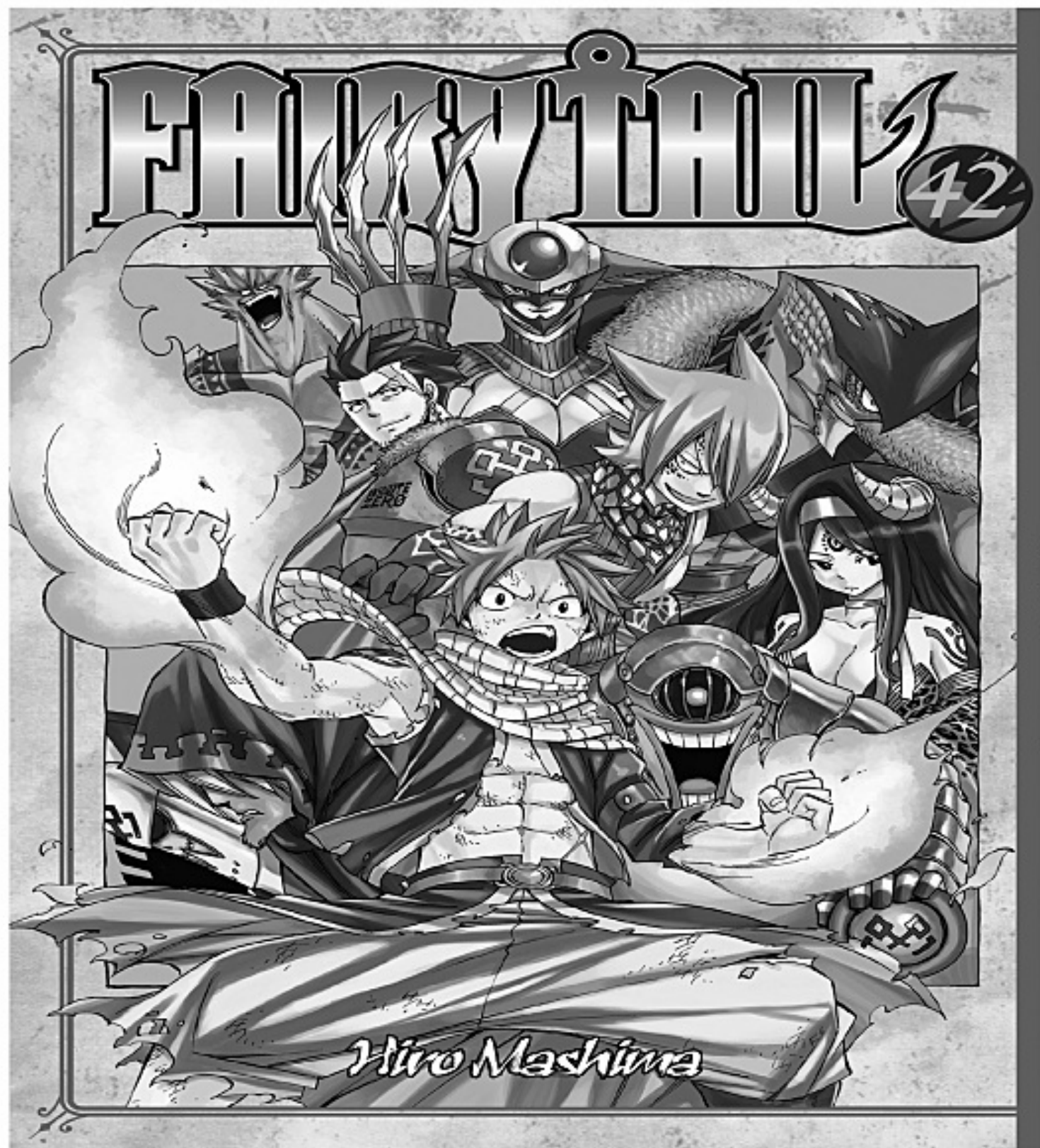
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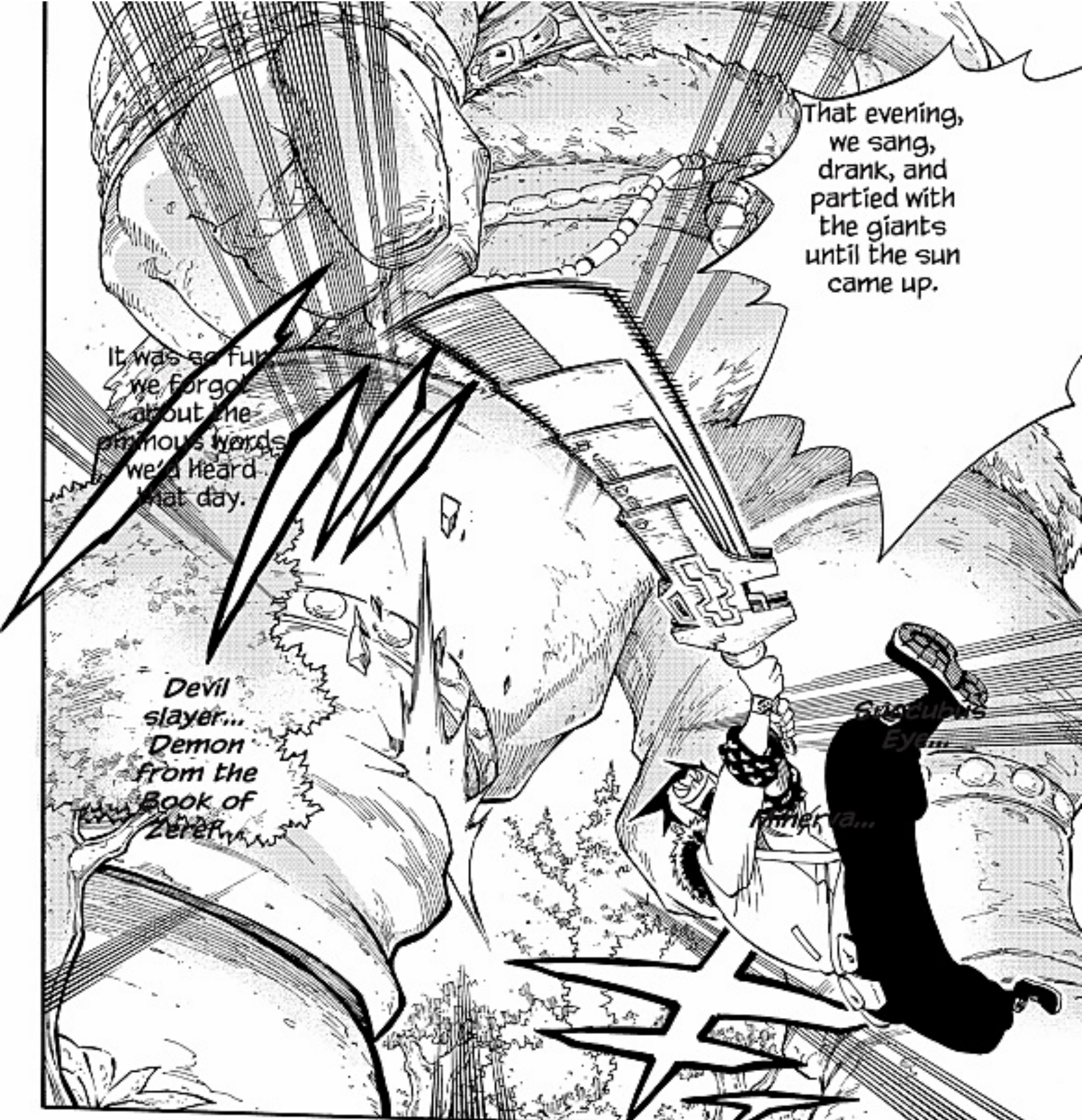
This isn't a Japanese word for an ending, but rather the English initials E, N, and D written (even in the Japanese version) in English letters. It's meant to be read out, like "ee en dee."



Preview of *Fairy Tail*, volume 42

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That evening,
we sang,
drank, and
partied with
the giants
until the sun
came up.

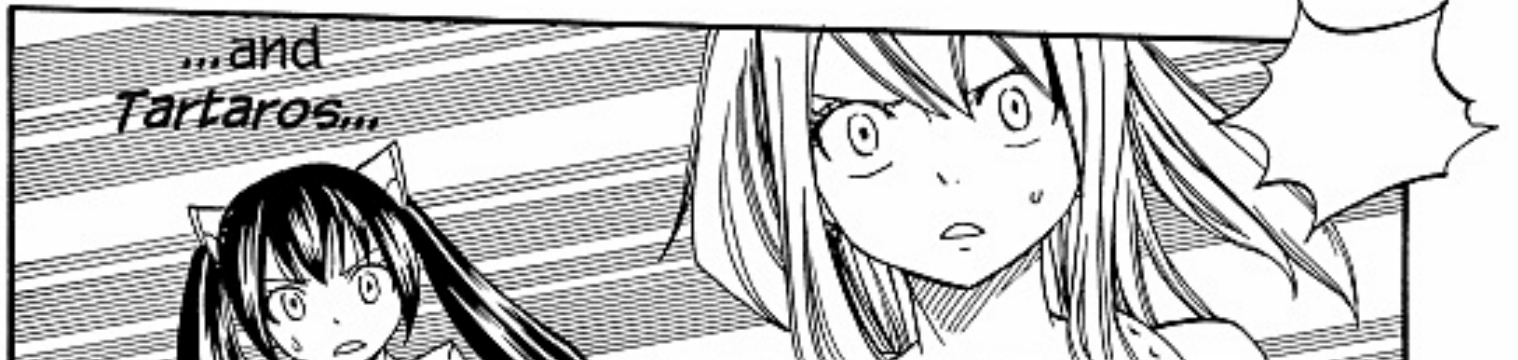
It was so fun...
we forgot
about the
ominous words
we'd heard
that day.

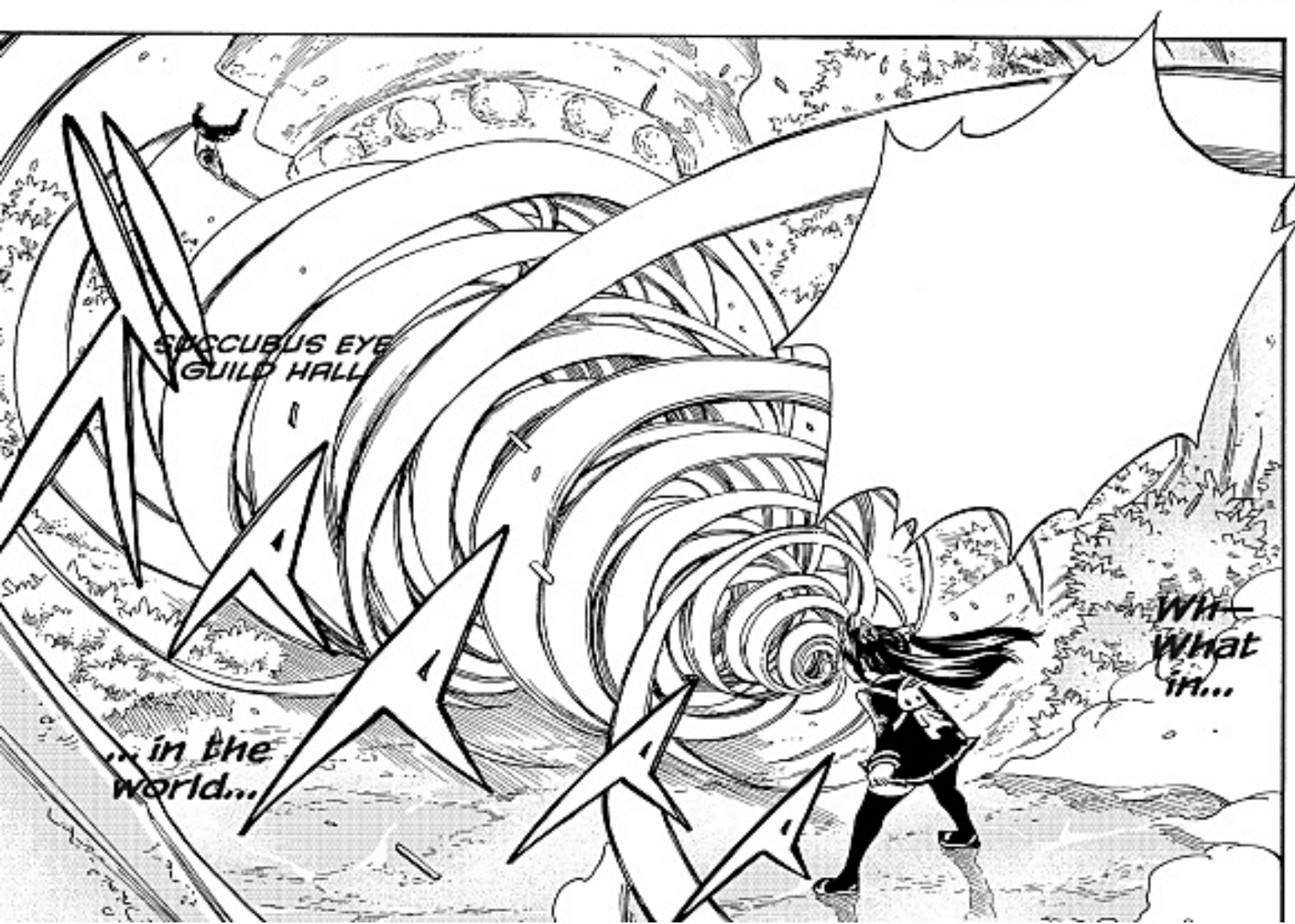
Devil
slayer...
Demon
from the
Book of
Zeraph...

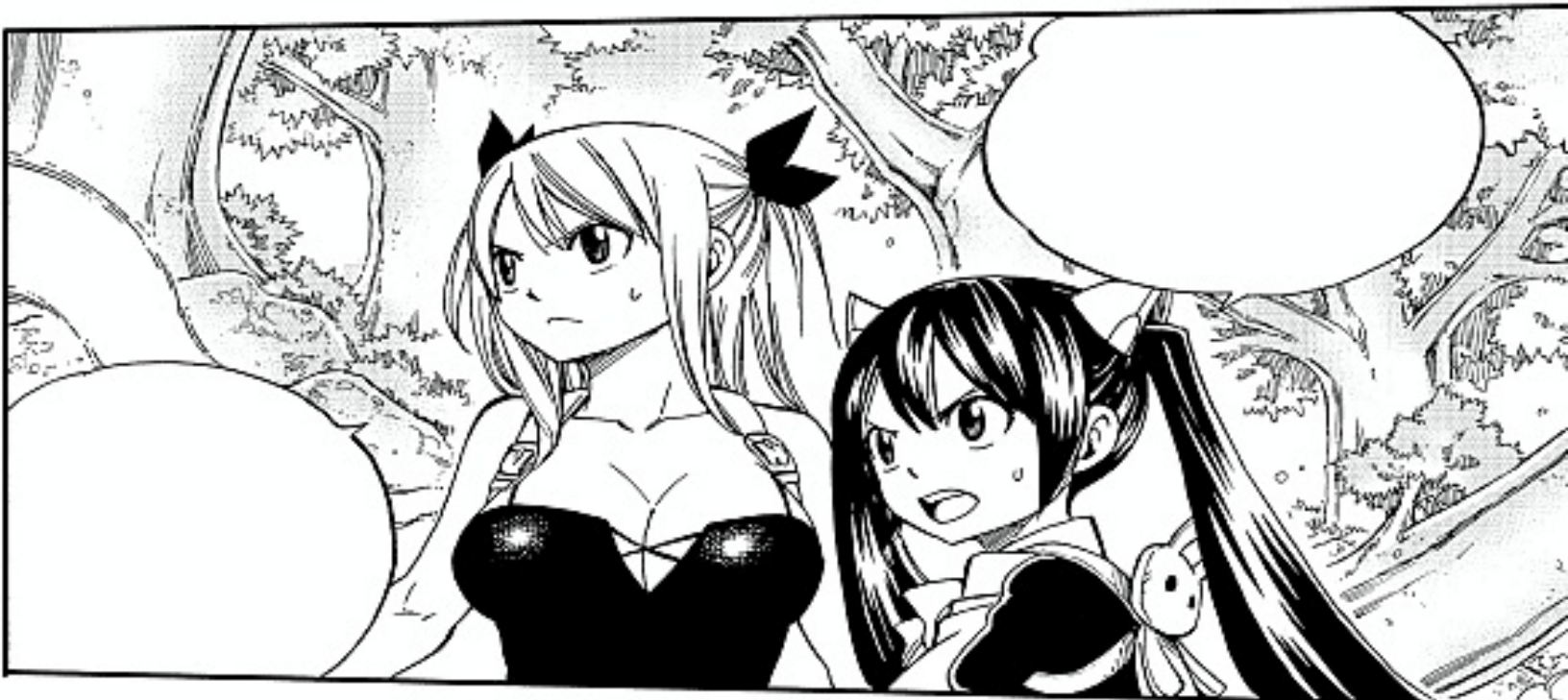
Graculus
Eye...

Amber...

...and
Tartaros...











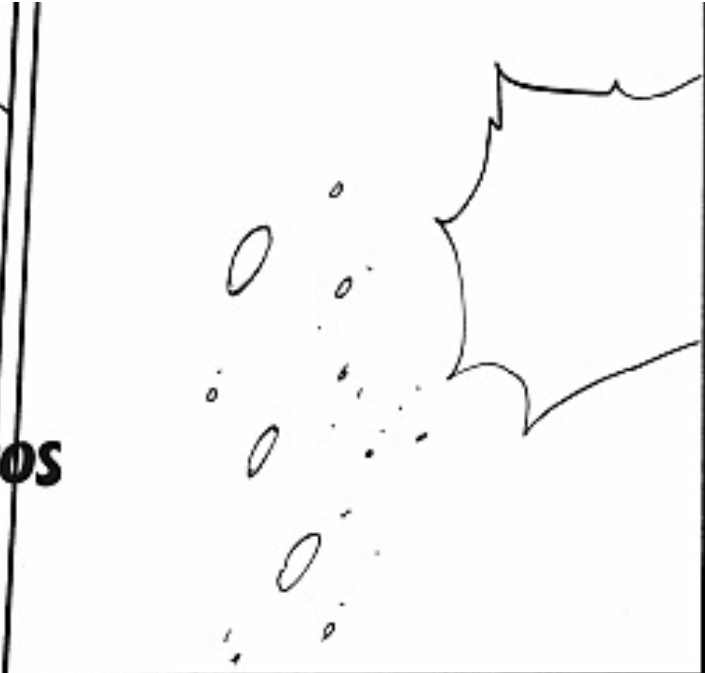


It can't be...

...that news of our failure to protect the village has already reached them?!!

TARTAROS

?!?



This one has already spoken of her purpose here. To strengthen humans.

So Silver was acting on his own when he sent us there?

Of what do you speak? This one has no memory of any such village.



You would take such drastic action over the loss of a single village?



Those unsuitable for strengthening are of no value to us.

These wizards should have been your soldiers... What fool does that to her own troops?

This one is here under the master's orders to muster our forces.

In the coming days...we will execute a massive operation.

A black and white manga-style illustration. A character with a determined, slightly pained expression is being crushed by a massive, three-dimensional letter 'W'. The character is positioned in the center, with their head and torso visible. They are surrounded by numerous large, circular, shaded objects that look like stones or pieces of debris. In the background, there are more large, stylized letters, including a large 'C' and another 'W'. The overall scene suggests a moment of intense pressure or a metaphorical struggle.

The
question
is, are
you?

Don't...

Stop...

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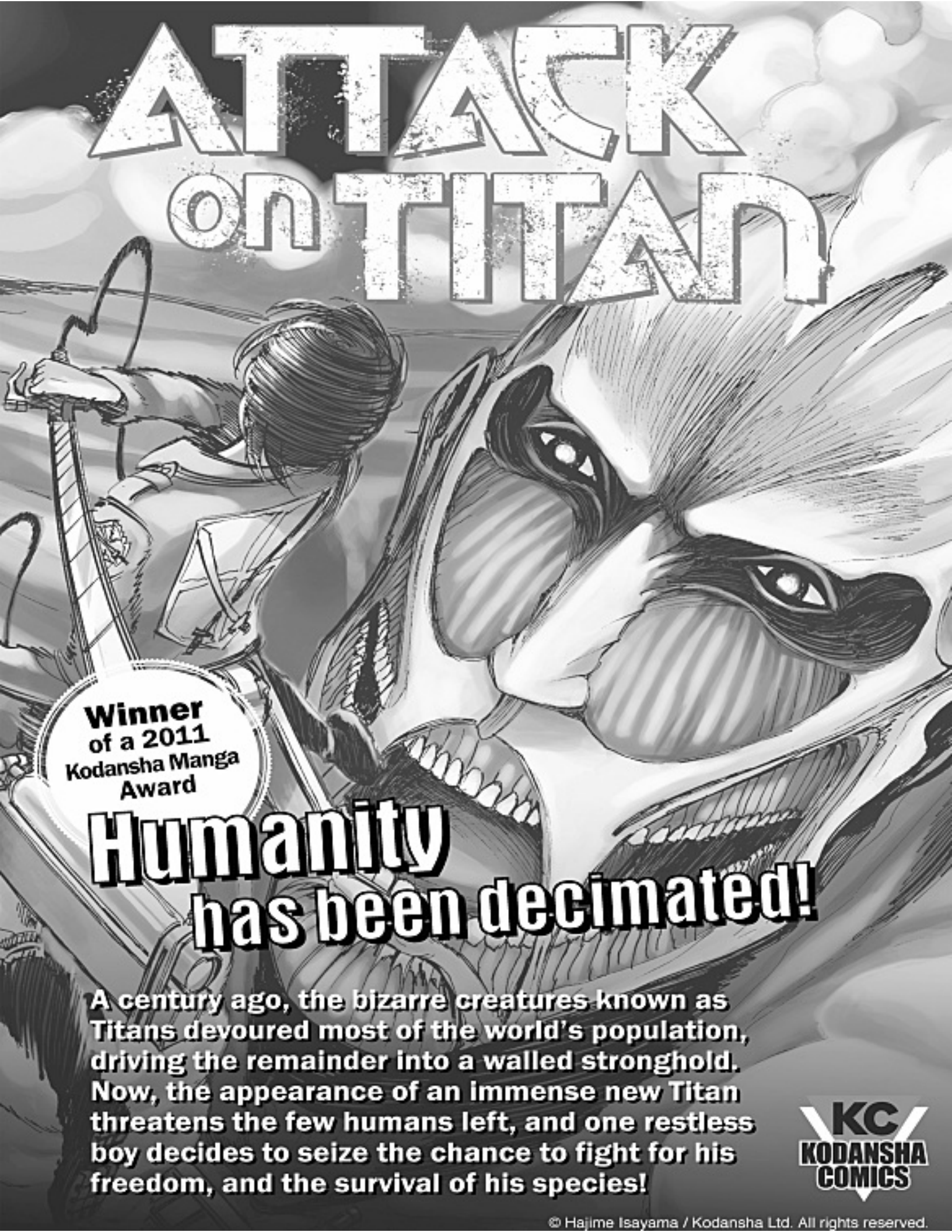
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